

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **Ryan White Program**

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990 (CARE Act) was passed to address the needs of jurisdictions, health care providers, and people with HIV/AIDS and their family members. The program was administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In 1999, the Congressional Black Caucus initiated a program now known as the Minority AIDS Initiatives (MAI) that included provision of funds to CARE Act grantees to reduce HIV-related disparities in access to health care and to improve health-related outcomes among racial and ethnic minority populations.

### **MAI Program**

The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) was established in 1999 through Congressional appropriations that improve access to HIV/AIDS care and health outcomes for disproportionately affected minority populations. Ryan White Part B MAI focuses on education and outreach to improve minority access to medication assistance programs, including ADAP.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The goal is to dispel myths, decrease stigma and increase community support for persons with HIV/AIDS.

An MAI Referral occurs when a person of color who has been *newly or previously* diagnosed with HIV/AIDS is provided information regarding the Ryan White Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

- a. Conduct education activities for the purpose of educating high risk individuals about the TN AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- b. Provide high risk individuals information about antiretroviral medications used to treat HIV on ADAP.

An MAI Outreach occurs when a *newly or previously* diagnosed HIV+ person of color who was not engaged in care is enrolled in ADAP.

- a. Newly diagnosed minority individuals not engaged in care will be successfully linked to medical care and ADAP.
- b. Previously diagnosed individuals with no evidence of medical visits or viral load draws have been successfully linked to medical care and ADAP.

### **Linguistic Services**

Grantees Utilize language interpretation/translation services, if necessary, coupled with culturally specific educational materials and/or programs, seminars, and/or discussions to increase minority awareness and participation in Ryan White Services.