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NH CARE Program
Guidance for Submission of Rapid Enrollments
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CARE Program Rapid Eligibility:

To be eligible for assistance through rapid eligibility for the NH Ryan White CARE Program, a person must be awaiting a confirmatory human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) result to confirm new HIV diagnosis, or the client must be re-engaging in medical care after not receiving medical care for over one year. The person must be a resident of NH and the gross annual household income cannot exceed 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Eligibility is effective for 30 days in which a complete application must be received in order to pay for any services rendered.

Approval/Denial Process:

1. The Rapid Enrollment minimum required components include the signed application, the signed and dated release of information (ROI), income verification, and NH residency verification,. Verification of presumptive HIV status is also required for clients awaiting a confirmatory HIV test results.
2. Self-attestation of verification of income and NH residency will be accepted with the Rapid Eligibility Enrollment application.
3. For new clients, healthcare personnel or partner services must attest to presumptive HIV status. Presumptive HIV status may be indicated if the person is identified as a partner of a person living with HIV and/or had a rapid positive test.
4. A NH Medicaid application is required when a client's gross household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. A Medicaid application is required within 30 days of the Rapid Eligibility enrollment for clients who are being re-instated after a one-year lapse in coverage through the NH CARE Program. New enrollees have six months to apply for NH Medicaid.
5. The enrollment period will begin on the date that a rapid eligibility application and ROI is signed by the client. The application must be received within two business days from the ROI signature dates.
6. Rapid Enrollment Applications will be approved or denied within two business days and notification of denials will be emailed to the submitting provider.

PLEASE NOTE: A complete application includes the initial Rapid Eligibility application and all required supporting documents, which must be received within 30 days of the application and ROI dates. Please refer to the Guidance for Submission of Enrollments for all application requirements. No medical invoices will be paid until the complete application is received and accepted by the NH CARE Program. The enrollment period for rapid eligibility clients who have completed a full application will begin on the Rapid Enrollment application and ROI signature dates.