



## **HIV Client Services**

**June 2014**

In Washington, about 500 new cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease are diagnosed each year and more than 11,000 people are living with HIV disease. Across Washington State, new HIV case counts have slightly declined in the last three years. Earlier diagnosis and better treatments have led to steady increases in the number of people who are surviving with HIV disease. Statewide, the number of people living with HIV increases about four percent each year. The current number of clients being served by HIV Client Services is approximately 3,400.

HIV disease can cause serious, life-threatening health conditions that can result in lost work days, hospitalization, expensive treatment, or even death. HIV Client Services' mission is to suppress viral load by ensuring access to quality services for people living with HIV in Washington State. The target population is HIV positive individuals of low-to-moderate income without adequate access to other public programs. This focus allows us to reduce the medical consequences of HIV/AIDS. The program partners with other state agencies to increase access to care and promote responsible use of public funds. We help local areas assess their needs, and to plan and provide care programs.

### **Services**

HIV Client Services supports:

- Limited HIV medical and lab services related to monitoring the progression of disease and medication management
- Prescription drugs from a limited formulary
- Health insurance premium assistance
- HIV medical case management and other social services (21 agencies)

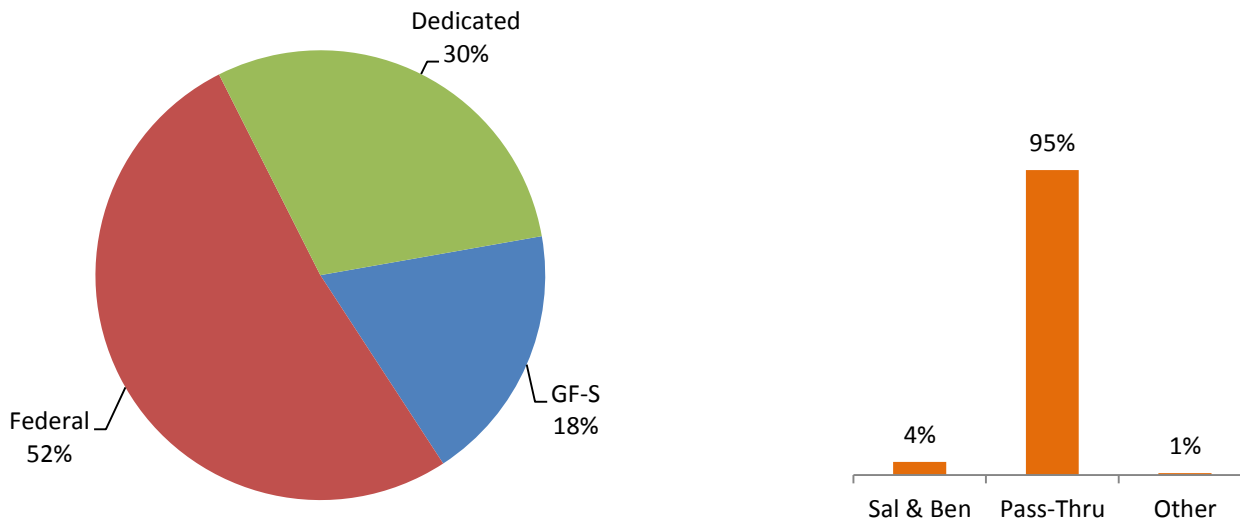
Support is through contract or direct payment for low and moderate-income people living with HIV/AIDS. Washington's AIDS Drug Assistance Program is known as the Early Intervention Program (EIP). EIP is administered by HIV Client Services. We also provide statewide, regional, and individual trainings to clients and providers to increase knowledge of HIV and available services.

### **Stakeholders**

- Public Health - Seattle & King County
- University of Washington
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Health Care Authority
- 21 contract case management and other social service agencies
- 6 Ryan White Part C clinics
- SeaMar Community Health Centers
- Community Health Center - Snohomish
- Federal Department of Health and Human Services
- National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)
- Ramsell Public Health RX
- Lifelong AIDS Alliance – Evergreen Health Insurance Program (EHIP)

**2013-15 biennium**

**HIV Client Services Fiscal Information**



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	12,606,000	35,117,000	20,127,000	0	67,850,000	2,764,000	64,728,000	358,000

**Recent Funding History**

**2009-11 biennium:**

- Ongoing reductions to GF-S totaled \$3,573,000:
  - \$500,000 - Eliminated funding provided solely for medical nutrition therapy for clients
  - \$987,000 - Capped HIV Early Intervention Program at 98 percent
  - \$1,000,000 - Reduction primarily from administrative efficiencies (EHB 2360)
  - \$1,086,000 - Eliminated funding provided solely to restore lost federal funding
- FY10 increase of \$1,950,000, FY11 increase of \$4,342,000, and ongoing increase of \$8,684,000 for increased client enrollment, and rising costs of medication and insurance.

**2013-15 biennium:**

- Ongoing reduction to GFS during the 2013-15 biennium total \$5,421,000 to reflect the anticipated shift of clients to Medicaid or subsidized coverage in the Exchange when these options become available.

The program receives federal funds from The Ryan White Program. Base funding has remained level, and cannot be used to supplant state funds. This grant requires that Ryan White be the payer of last resort.

Our federal funders instituted a requirement on Ryan White Part B grantees to spend rebate dollars (local) received before other types of funding.