

## FEDERALLY FUNDED HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS

HAVE LONG HELD BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AND ARE THE TOOLS WE RELY ON TO **SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AS WELL AS PREVENTING HIV TRANSMISSION.**

### MEDICAID

In addition to Medicaid covering healthcare for eligible individuals, Maine is the only state to have an HIV Limited Benefit Waiver, which **expands access to MaineCare up to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.**

**Over 770 people living with HIV in Maine have their care covered by MaineCare.**

### RYAN WHITE

The Ryan White Program been credited with **significantly improving health and well-being of individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the US**

- provides medication access, insurance coverage, case management, clinical care
- provides financial assistance for housing, food, dental and copays

Since its inception in 1990, The Ryan White Program has **reduced HIV-related deaths by over 80%.**

**Over 1,200 people in Maine are enrolled in Ryan White Part B services.**

### PEPFAR

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief - since 2003

PEPFAR provides **lifesaving treatment for 20.6 million people** across 55 countries as of Sept. 30, 2024

**7.8 million babies were born HIV-free** as a result of PEPFAR funded programs.

### HOPWA

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA):

- short-term rent/mortgage/utility assistance
- housing subsidy program similar to section 8
- supportive services including transportation and case management

**Over 75 families are on HOPWA subsidies in Maine and over 100 people are on the waitlist.**

In 2024, HOPWA funding served over 100,000 people with HIV and their families through programs implemented by over 150 community organizations and local governments across the United States.

HOPWA has been supporting people since 1990.

### CDC

CDC funds **free, low-barrier HIV testing services**, and analyzes data from funded activities to guide a broad array of services:

- supports strategic initiatives to ensure populations at risk have **access to critical prevention tools.**
- tracks progress toward local, state and national goals
- provides **outbreak response** and disease intervention services

**THESE PROGRAMS ADHERE TO RIGOROUS REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE MEASURES TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE SPENT EFFICIENTLY.**

**ANY DELAYS OR CUTS TO THESE PROGRAMS HAVE IMMEDIATE, LIFE-THREATENING IMPACTS.**