



## **Ryan White Program HIV/AIDS Medical Providers that are Enrolled and Not Enrolled in the CountyCare Network**

*For more information, see [www.aidschicago.org/CountyCare](http://www.aidschicago.org/CountyCare)*

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) praises the hard work that CountyCare administrators have done to expand the CountyCare network to include community-based providers, including HIV providers. CountyCare has made great strides by enrolling eight HIV health center providers in the network already. As a result, patients receiving medical care at these facilities will not need to switch providers, protecting their continuity of care. The **enrolled providers** are:

- Access Community Health Network
- Christian Community Health Center
- Erie Family Health Center
- Heartland Health Outreach
- Howard Brown Health Center
- Lawndale Christian Community Health Center
- Near North Health Center
- Michael Reese (Mercy)

In addition, CCHHS facilities that provide HIV services will continue to do so under CountyCare, including Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, Austin Health Center, clinics affiliated with the South Suburban HIV/AIDS Coalition (SSHARC), and Provident Hospital.

Since these nine facilities (listed below) are *not enrolled* in CountyCare as primary care providers, hundreds of people receiving services for HIV could be forced to switch to in-network providers to meet the Ryan White Program payer-of-last-resort requirement. Such a change is likely to significantly disrupt access to care, particularly for clients who are vulnerable because of illnesses, marginalization, or poverty. In addition, many clients face mental health and addiction disorders that require consistent and uninterrupted treatment to avoid severe declines in physical and mental health.

Ryan White Program-funded medical providers **NOT currently enrolled** as primary care providers in CountyCare network

- Chicago Department of Public Health
- Sinai Health Systems\*
- Children's Memorial Hospital
- South Shore Hospital\*
- Loyola University
- University of Chicago\*
- Open Door Clinic (Elgin)
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Roseland Christian Health Ministries

\*Note that Sinai Health Systems, South Shore Hospital, and University of Chicago are enrolled in CountyCare as hospitals and for specialty services. HIV care might be covered at these facilities, but primary care is not. As a result, current patients would likely need to see an enrolled primary care provider at another facility and get a referral to see their usual medical provider. This would result in unnecessary delays and disruptions in care.

*For more information on the Ryan White Program payer of last resort requirement and what HIV service providers and people with HIV should do, visit [www.aidschicago.org/CountyCare](http://www.aidschicago.org/CountyCare). June 12, 2013.*