

REGISTRATION PACKET

Hello and welcome to Alliance for Housing & Healing powered by APLA Health.

APLA Health is one of the largest non-profit HIV/AIDS service organizations in the United States, provides bilingual direct services, prevention education, and leadership on HIV/AIDS related policy and legislation. Founded by four friends in 1982, APLA Health is a community-based, volunteer-supported organization with local, national and global reach.

At APLA Health, we provide a variety of programs and services designed to improve the health and quality of life of people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. We have been doing this work since the beginning of the epidemic in Los Angeles, and we are here to help.

The information in this packet will assist you in becoming a registered client of the agency. To become a client at APLA Health, you will need to:

- Provide HIV/AIDS diagnosis (*if currently in medical care*)
- Submit proof of Los Angeles County residency
(*If you are new to Los Angeles, APLA Health will assist you with establishing residency*)
- Complete all forms in this packet (*if you need assistance, please speak with the on-call staff member*).

Please note that individual programs may have additional service restrictions based on the geographic area of residence, income, and disabilities of an individual client, along with other criteria. All of the eligibility information will be reviewed during the initial assessment interview.

Take a moment to review the instructions on the following page and then fill out the packet in its entirety (*if you need assistance, please speak with the on-call staff member*).

Once completed, bring the original copies of this packet with you to APLA Health. Visit us at the address below anytime between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Please check in at the 3rd Floor reception desk. You do not need an appointment to register as a client at APLA Health.

APLA Health
The David Geffen Center, Third Floor
611 South Kingsley Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Registration Line: (213) 201-1500

Welcome to APLA Health. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Craig E. Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please check off an item as you complete it	Type of Form/Verification	Instructions	Page Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification of Residence & Eligibility Requirements	Read this two-page section to find out about verifying your residence in Los Angeles and eligibility requirements of APLA Health programs.	1 – 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Form	Complete both pages, sign and date where noted by an X.	3 – 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physician Diagnosis Form (Including TB test results)	A licensed practicing physician in California must complete the form dated within one year of registration. A TB skin test clearance dated within a year or a chest x-ray date within two years is also required.	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliance Assurance Notification for our Clients	Read this important notice about the use of personal health information and the HIPAA Act of 1996.	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIPAA Consent Form	Read, sign, and date where noted by an X.	11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Form to Release Medical Information	Read, sign, and date where noted by an X.	12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casewatch Consent Form	Read, sign, and date where noted by an X.	13-14
<input type="checkbox"/>	People with HIV/AIDS Bill of Rights and Responsibilities	Read, sign, and date where noted by an X.	15-17
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Grievance Procedures	Read, sign, and date where noted by an X.	18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Screening Form	Read, sign, and date where noted by an X.	19-20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Income Verification	Different from verification of residence. Please see the list of acceptable documents.	21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo Identification	Upon completion of the registration packet, please present photo identification.	

*Return the **original forms** to us during your initial visit at APLA Health. Feel free to copy the forms for your own records. Please be aware that some services require additional information because of funding requirements.*

**If you have any questions, please call the Registrar at (213) 201-1500
or VP 213.674.4321 for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (page 1 of 2)

APLA Health offers many programs and services for people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Some programs require that you be a client of APLA Health in order to participate. Other programs simply require that you be a resident of Los Angeles County.

Please review the following eligibility information in order to gain access to services as quickly as possible. APLA Health wants to make sure that you receive services as soon as possible; however, in some instances the following documents are required beforehand.

1. VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (The following documents can be provided to demonstrate proof of residency in the County of Los Angeles.)

- Current California Driver License or California ID with Los Angeles county address

Or

- A copy of a current utility bill such as water, gas, electricity, telephone, cable TV, or a newspaper delivered daily that you have received within the last three (3) months showing your name, current address, and the date issued

Or

- A Medi-Cal, SSI, and/or SSD Award Letter with its mailing envelope; bank statement; or rental/lease agreement. All of these documents must show your name and current address and be dated within three (3) months, except for the rental/lease agreement, which can be accepted if dated within one (1) year

2. CURRENT DIAGNOSIS FORM OR CURRENT LAB WORK (If applicable, dated within the last year)

- Documentation from a licensed physician that you are currently receiving care
- Documentation of your most recent lab work, including CD4 count and viral load

***NOTE: If you are HIV-positive but *not* in medical care we can help you find a medical provider and begin the process with getting the documents listed above.**

3. PROOF OF INCOME

- A copy of your bank statement showing direct deposit, an award letter of any type (SSI, SSDI, General Relief), a copy of a check, a check stub, or a letter of support from someone who is supporting you financially

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (page 2 of 2)

4. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Some programs have additional eligibility requirements such as:

Dental Services:

- CD4 count, viral load results and neutrophil count dated within the last 6 months
- Note of physician's approval for dental services
- Clients with private dental insurance or Medi-Cal must bring their insurance card

Home Health:

- Registered client of APLA Health
- Referral by Assessment, Clientline, or Case Management services. An assessment will be done by a registered nurse case manager to verify client's eligibility based on the State Office of AIDS Guidelines
- Symptomatic HIV or AIDS

Housing Support Services:

- Criteria are set by the governing bodies of either the Section 8 or HOPWA programs
- For more information about Housing Supportive Services, please call 213.201.1637

Group Counseling/Mental Health Services:

- Registered client of APLA Health
- Referral by Assessment, Clientline, or Case Management services
- Attend an interview with the support group facilitator
- For more information about Mental Health/Counseling Services please call 213.201.1621

Necessities of Life Program (NOLP) Food Pantries:

- Eligible clients may not have an income that exceeds \$1,458.75 each month. For clients with dependents, add an additional \$338 per dependent for income eligibility
 - Example: 1 dependent = monthly income may not exceed \$1,796.75
 - Example: 2 dependents = monthly income may not exceed \$2,134.75
- Complete an NOLP application
- Complete an annual nutrition screening

REGISTRATION FORM

AP# _____ Date _____/_____/_____(MM/DD/YY)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____(MM/DD/YY) Social Security Number: _____-_____-_____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Home Address:

Street: _____ Apartment/Unit #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Is it okay to send mail with APLA Health on the envelope to this address? Yes No

Do you live, work, or go to school in the City of West Hollywood? Yes No

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____-_____ May we leave a message indicating that the call is from APLA Health? Yes No

Evening Phone: (_____) _____-_____ May we leave a message indicating that the call is from APLA Health? Yes No

Mobile Phone: (_____) _____-_____ May we leave a message indicating that the call is from APLA Health? Yes No

May we contact you by e-mail? Yes No **If yes, please print email address:** _____

Mailing address if different from above:

Street/ P.O. Box: _____ Apartment/Unit #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Is it okay to send mail with APLA Health on the envelope to this address? Yes No

Gender Identity: Male/Man Female/Woman Trans Man/Transmasculine Trans Woman/Transfeminine
 Non-binary/Gender Queer Something else: _____ Decline to answer

Sexual Orientation: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Straight/Heterosexual Questioning Something else: _____

Pronouns: He/Him She/Her They/Them Something else: _____ Use name only No preference

If someone else were to answer your phone, who could APLA Health leave a message or speak with?

Name:	
Relationship:	
Name:	
Relationship:	

CLIENT INFORMATION

1. What is your gender?

- Male Transgender Male to Female
 Female Transgender Female to Male

2. What is your ethnicity?

- Latino (Hispanic) Black/African American (Non-Hispanic)
 White (Non-Hispanic) Native American/ Aleutian/ Native Alaskan
 Asian/Pacific Islander Other (please specify) _____

3. What is your primary language?

- English American Sign Language Russian
 Spanish Armenian Other (please specify) _____

4. Do you speak English fluently? Yes No Do you read and write English? Yes No

5. What is your birth country? _____

• Length of time in the U.S. _____ (in months)

6. Check all that apply

- Physically challenged Blind or partially sighted
 Deaf or hard of hearing

CLIENT'S SOURCE(S) OF MEDICAL INSURANCE

7. Do you currently receive ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) benefits? Yes No

8. What type of medical insurance do you have?

- | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medi-Cal <i>without</i> share cost | <input type="checkbox"/> HMO/PPO | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medi-Cal with share cost | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare | <input type="checkbox"/> VA and/or other government benefits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both Medi-Cal and Medicare | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

9. Have you applied for Medi-Cal benefits recently? Yes No

a. If "Yes", Medi-Cal date of application _____ (MM/DD/YY)

b. What is the status of your application

10. If you have private insurance through an HMO or a PPO, what is the name of your carrier?

- a. What is your insurance ID#? _____
- b. Eligibility date _____
- c. How much is your medical visit co-pay? _____
- d. How much is your prescription co-pay? _____

INCOME

11. Please indicate your gross monthly income:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$747 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$748-\$1,197 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,198 - \$2,234 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,235 - \$2,992 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$2,993 | |

12. Are you medically able to work? Yes No

13. Do you receive any of the following? *(If so, please check all boxes and indicate amount)*

	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Amount received monthly
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
CalWORKs (TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
State Disability Insurance (SDI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
General Relief (GR)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Food Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
CAPI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Unemployment Insurance (UI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Veterans Benefits (VA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Other Income (support from friends/famil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Please specify source: _____			

HIV HISTORY

In order to provide services that best meet your needs, please answer the following questions.

14. How did you become infected with HIV? *(Check all that apply)*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male to female sex (heterosexual contact) | <input type="checkbox"/> Injection drug use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male to male sex | <input type="checkbox"/> Infected at birth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male to male sex and injection drug use | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilia/coagulation disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood transfusion or other blood or tissue products | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

15. What have been or are the gender(s) of your sexual partner(s)? *(Check all that apply)*

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Male to female transgender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Female to male transgender |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> No sexual partners |

LIVING/HOUSING ARRANGEMENT:

16. What is your household size (how many people live with you)? _____

17. Marital Status (check all that applies)

- Single
 Partnered/not legally married
 Separated/Divorced
 Widowed _____ years
 Married/Domestic partnership _____ years
 Male partner Transgender male to female partner
 Female partner Transgender female to male partner

18. What is your housing situation?

- Stable and permanent (living in apartment, house, leasing)
 Non-permanent (homeless, transient)
 Institution (correctional, health care center, mental health) _____
 Other (Please Specify) _____

19. Do you have any *dependent* children? Yes No

If "Yes," What is the number of dependent children? _____

20. Have you ever been in jail or prison? Yes No

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency whom may we contact, indicating that the call is from APLA Health, and if need be, providing personal information about you?

Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Address _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Evening Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Mobile Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Language spoken _____

Is this person aware of your HIV status? Yes No

Is it okay to disclose your information? Yes No

21. Do you have a Durable Power of Attorney (DPA) for Healthcare? Yes No

If "Yes," what is the name of the person assigned as the DPA? _____

➤ Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

22. Where do you primarily receive medical care? (such as Kaiser Permanente, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), County/USC Hospital (5P21), Jeffrey Goodman Clinic, etc) _____

Name of physician _____

Phone number (_____) _____ - _____

Name of nurse (if any) _____

Phone number (_____) _____ - _____

Name of social worker (if any) _____

Phone number(_____) _____ - _____

Are you satisfied with your medical care? Yes No

I hereby certify that the information I provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

X _____
Signature of Client

_____/_____/_____
Date (MM/DD/YY)

Personal information is reported anonymously and not linked to you individually. Your name and other identifying information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL. Please answer every question.

COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE NOTIFICATION FOR APLA HEALTH CLIENTS

To Our Valued Clients,

The misuse of personal health information has been identified as a national problem. We want you to know that all of our employees, managers, and volunteers continually undergo training so that they understand and comply with government rules and regulations regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), with particular emphasis on the "Privacy Rule." We strive to achieve the highest standards of ethics and integrity in providing services for our clients.

It is our policy to properly determine the appropriate use of personal health information in accordance with governmental rules, laws, and regulations, except in cases where the law mandates us to report this information. This includes instances where you are a threat to yourself (suicidal or homicidal ideations) or instances of child or elder abuse. As part of this plan, we have implemented a compliance program that oversees the prevention of any inappropriate use of personal health information.

Because we believe that there is always room for improvement, our policy is to listen to our employees and our clients without any thought of penalty if they feel that an event in any way compromises our policy of integrity. We welcome your input regarding any service problem so that we may remedy the situation promptly.

HIPPA Compliance Officer

HIPAA PATIENT CONSENT FORM

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) established a "Privacy Rule" to help ensure that personal health care information is protected for privacy. The Privacy Rule was also created in order to provide a standard for certain health care providers to obtain a patient consent to disclose health information about the patient in order to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations.

APLA Health wants you to know that we respect the privacy of your personal health information and will do all we can to secure and protect that privacy. We strive to always take reasonable precautions to protect your privacy. When it is appropriate or necessary, we provide only the minimum necessary information to those we feel are in need of your health care information regarding treatment, payment or health care operations, in order to provide health care that is in your best interest.

We fully support your access to your personal medical records. We may have indirect treatment relationships with you (such as laboratories that only interact with the physicians and not patients), and may have to disclose personal health information for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations. This includes instances where you are a threat to yourself (suicide or homicide ideations) or instances of child or elder abuse. As part of this plan, we have implemented a Compliance Program that oversees the prevention of any inappropriate use of Personal Health Information. These entities are most often not required to obtain patient consent.

You may refuse to consent to the use or disclosure of your personal health information, but this must be done in writing. Under this law, we have the right to refuse to treat you should you choose to refuse to disclose your Personal Health Information. If you choose to give consent in this document, at some future time you may request to refuse all or part of your Personal Health Information. You may not revoke actions that have already been taken which relied on this or a previously signed consent.

If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer. You have the right to review our Privacy Notice (Compliance Assurance Notification to Our Patients), to request restrictions, and revoke consent in writing.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Ann Sewill, General Manager
Tricia Keane, Executive Officer

City of Los Angeles



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HOPWA BITFOCUS CLARITY SYSTEM CONSENT FORM

I, _____ (*print full name*), agree to register with the Housing Opportunity for Person With AIDS (HOPWA) Program/Bitfocus Clarity Human Services System which is used to coordinate services funded by the HOPWA Program. During registration I will be asked to provide information about myself including my name, race, gender, birthdate, income, and other demographic data. I will also be asked questions about my HIV status, CD4 cell count, viral load, general physical and mental health, and housing history.

I authorize the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) and other HOPWA funded agencies to release/share information regarding services I have received or requested, my HIV status, or my physical/mental/financial conditions for program reporting, monitoring, statistical analysis, and research activities. A list of HOPWA funded agencies is available upon request. No identifying information will be released, published, or used without my consent, except as allowed by law. No information will be shared outside the network of HOPWA funded agencies of Los Angeles County.

My registration in the HOPWA Program/Bitfocus system does not guarantee services from any agency. Waiting lists or eligibility requirements may exclude me from services at other HOPWA Programs.

By signing this form:

- I verify that I reside in Los Angeles County.
- I will provide a letter of diagnosis signed and dated by a physician or certified health care worker that shows that I am HIV positive.
- I will provide my current CD4 count and viral load at enrollment and every 12 months, at minimum.
- I will provide proof of income or complete a zero affidavit form.
- I understand that declining to sign this consent form, or revoking my consent, does not disqualify me from receiving any services for which I am eligible.

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have been offered a copy of this consent form, and that I have discussed it with the staff person indicated below. I understand that this form will be stored in my paper file and/or in the Bitfocus system, and that this consent form remains in effect for three years from the date I signed this form. I am aware that I reserve the right to revoke consent at any time by submitting written notification to lahd.bitfocus.clarity@lacity.org.

Signature of Client or Parent/Guardian of Minor

Date

For Local HOPWA Agency Use Only (Fill out "Administered by" before discussing the consent form with the client)

Administered by

Agency Name

Signature

Date

Client Consent for Electronic Communication (Email and Text Messaging)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY. YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS INFORMATION AND YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE RISKS AND TERMS OUTLINED BELOW.

You have requested that Alliance for Housing and Healing communicate with you via unencrypted emails and text messaging (“Electronic Communication”). You must be aware that there is no guarantee of privacy when sending information by these methods. If you decide not to sign this form, Alliance for Housing and Healing will not communicate with you via email or text messaging but your enrollment, eligibility for assistance or other service operations will not be affected. If you decide that you’d like to communicate with your Alliance for Housing and Healing staff via email or text messaging, you should consider the following risks before signing this consent form.

Client Information

Client Name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

My consent for electronic communication is not effective until I receive and respond appropriately to a test message from Alliance for Housing and Healing.

Please select the security question you want to use for identify verification the first time we receive a message from you, and provide us with your answer below:

- Last four digits of my Social Security number: _____
- My mother’s maiden name: _____
- My pet’s name: _____

Risks of Using Email and Text Messaging for Electronic Communication

- Email and text messages:
 - can be copied, circulated, forwarded, and stored in electronic files;
 - can be broadcast worldwide immediately, whether accidentally or intentionally, and received by many unintended recipients;
 - are easier to falsify than handwritten or signed documents;
 - can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, or used without written authorization or detection;
 - may not be answered in the time frame expected by the sender.
- Backup copies of email and text messages may exist even after all participants have deleted their own copies;
- Employers and online services may have a right to archive and inspect emails transmitted through their systems;
- Passwords providing access to email and cell phones can be stolen and misused, or host systems can be compromised, leading to unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

Conditions for the Use of Email and Text Messaging with Alliance for Housing and Healing Staff

When applicable, Alliance for Housing and Healing may use and disclose protected health information (“PHI”) as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) in accordance with HIPAA and related regulations. Alliance for Housing and Healing will use reasonable means to protect the confidentiality of PHI and other client information sent and received through email and text messaging. However, because of the risks outlined above, Alliance for Housing and Healing cannot guarantee the security and confidentiality of email and text-based communications, and will not be liable for improper disclosure of confidential information that is not caused by Alliance for Housing and Healing intentional misconduct.

It is also important to understand that the purpose of email and text-based communication is to facilitate communication with Alliance for Housing and Healing. It is not intended to substitute for face-to-face meetings and/or personal conversations with Alliance for Housing and Healing.

By signing this consent form, I agree to and acknowledge the following:

- I am an established client of Alliance for Housing and Healing;
- I consent to receive email and/or text messages as specified in this form, including messages that Alliance for Housing and Healing may send to me using automated dialing systems or other automated means. Message and data rates may apply.
- I have read and understand Alliance for Housing and Healing Conditions for the Use of Email and Text Messaging with Alliance for Housing and Healing staff;
- Alliance for Housing and Healing will read and respond to email communications as promptly as reasonably possible; however, a specific turnaround time is not guaranteed. Thus, I will not use email or text messaging for time-sensitive matters;
- Some or all information sent or received via email or text messaging may concern my diagnosis and/or other health-related information. It may be made part of my record or forwarded internally to other Alliance for Housing and Healing staff as necessary for the use in providing services or other business-related activities. Electronic information will not, however, be forwarded to independent third parties without my prior written consent, except as authorized or required by law.
- Communication via email and text is not secure, and therefore, Alliance for Housing and Healing cannot guarantee the confidentiality of electronic PHI and other client information. I understand that it is my responsibility to protect passwords to my email and other accounts. I also understand that Alliance for Housing and Healing and its representatives are not liable for breaches of confidentiality related to email or text messages caused by any third party or myself;
- I may, at any time, revoke my consent for email and text communications;

Client Acknowledgement and Agreement

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the information provided in this Client Consent Form for Electronic Communication (Email and Text Messaging). I understand the risks associated with using email and text messaging to communicate with Alliance for Housing and Healing staff. By signing below, I am consenting to participate in Electronic Communication with Alliance for Housing and Healing staff.

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____

Expiration

Unless revoked below in writing, this Authorization will expire upon the later of the following events: (1) one year after the date of my signature; or (2) the date on which my services are terminated with Alliance for Housing and Healing.

Right to Revoke

I request that Alliance for Housing and Healing no longer use the above email address and/or cell phone number to communicate with me electronically.

By signing below, I am revoking my previous consent above.

Client Name (Head of Household)

Signature

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

(Ct's Initials) Client Received Copy

CASEWATCH MILLENIUM CONSENT FORM

I, _____ (print full name), wish to register with Ryan White Program/Casewatch Millennium (R) in order to receive services funded by the Ryan White Program or the Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DBSP). During registration I will be asked to provide information about myself including my name, race, gender, birthdate, income, and other demographic data. Depending upon the agency or program I am registering with I may also be asked questions about my CD4 cell count, viral load, use of HIV medications, risk behaviors, general physical and medical condition, and medical history.

In addition to providing information, I will provide an original letter of diagnosis signed and dated by my doctor, or have a blood test that shows that I am HIV positive. By signing this form I verify that I reside in Los Angeles County. HIV negative partners, family members, or other caregivers affected by HIV, and registration and service information for these clients will not be shared between agencies regardless of my own share status. I understand that my name and information will not be shared outside the Ryan White Program/Millennium system unless I provide my specific, informed consent for such a disclosure. A list of Ryan White Program/Millennium agencies is available upon request.

Additionally, as a condition of receiving Ryan White Program services, I agree that my information will be made available to my local health department, to fiscal agents that fund services I receive, to DPH/DHSP and to the State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS, AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES) for mandated care and treatment reporting, program monitoring, statistical analysis, and research activities. This information includes the minimum necessary, but is not limited to gender, ethnicity, birth date, zip code, diagnosis status, and service data. No identifying information such as name and social security number will be released, published, or used without my consent, except as allowed by law.

By initialing the "I AGREE and UNDERSTAND" line below, I understand that my relevant health (including HIV status) and income information will be shared with my local health department, fiscal agents that fund services I receive, the Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs, and State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS, AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES) when I request enrollment in care or access to services at a Ryan White Program agency. Only authorized personnel at each agency will have access to my information on a need-to-know basis. The information shared may include information about services received or my treatment at a particular agency. Mental health, legal, and/or substance abuse information will only be shared as allowed by law.

In most cases, I will not need to re-register (in Casewatch Millennium) or provide a letter of HIV diagnosis when I require services from an agency providing services funded by the Ryan White Program or the DPH/Division of HIV and STD Programs.

_____ I AGREE AND UNDERSTAND

My registration in Ryan White Program/Casewatch Millennium does not guarantee services from any agency. Waiting lists or eligibility requirements may exclude me from services at other Ryan White Program/Millennium agencies.

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have been offered a copy of this consent form, and that I have discussed it with the staff person indicated below. I understand that this form will be stored in my paper file, and that this consent form remains in effect for three years from the date I signed this form.

Signature of Client or Parent/Guardian of Minor

Date

For Local Health Care Agency Use Only

Administered by

Agency Name

Signature

Date

PATIENT AND CLIENT BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this Patient and Client Bill of Rights is to help enable clients act on their own behalf and in partnership with their providers to obtain the best possible HIV/AIDS care and treatment. This Bill of Rights and Responsibilities comes from the hearts of people living with HIV/AIDS in the diverse communities of Los Angeles County. As someone newly entering or currently accessing care, treatment, or support services for HIV/AIDS, you have the right to:

A. Respectful Treatment

1. Receive considerate, respectful, professional, confidential, and timely care in a safe, client-centered environment without bias.
2. Receive equal and unbiased care in accordance with federal and state law.
3. Receive information about the qualifications of your providers, particularly about their experience managing and treating HIV/AIDS or related conditions.
4. Be informed of the names and work phone numbers of the physicians, nurses, and other staff members responsible for your care.
5. Receive safe accommodations for protection of personal property while receiving care and services.
6. Receive services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate, including having full explanations of all services and treatment options provided clearly in your own language and dialect.
7. Look at your medical records and receive copies of them upon your request (reasonable agency policies including reasonable fee for photocopying may apply).
8. When special needs arise, extended visiting hours by family, partner, or friends during inpatient treatment, recognizing that there may be limits imposed for valid reasons by the hospital, hospice, or other inpatient institution.

B. Competent, High-quality Care

1. Have your care provided by competent, qualified professionals who follow HIV treatment standards as set forth by the Federal Public Health Service Guidelines, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Health Services, and the County of Los Angeles.
2. Have access to these professionals at convenient times and locations.
3. Receive appropriate referrals to other medical, mental health, or other care services.

C. Make Treatment Decisions

1. Receive complete and up-to-date information in words you understand about your diagnosis, treatment options, medications (including common side-effects and complications), and prognosis that can reasonably be expected.
2. Participate actively with your provider(s) in discussions about choices and options available for your treatment.
3. Make the final decision about which choice and option is best for you after you have been given all relevant information about these choices and the clear recommendation of your provider.
4. Refuse any and all treatments recommended and be told of the effect not taking the treatment may have on your health, be told of any other potential consequences of your refusal, and be assured that you have the right to change your mind later.

5. Be informed about and afforded the opportunity to participate in any appropriate clinical research studies for which you are eligible.
6. Refuse to participate in research without prejudice or penalty of any sort.
7. Refuse any offered services or end participation in any program without bias or impact on your care.
8. Be informed of the procedures at the agency or institution for resolving misunderstandings, making complaints, or filing grievances.
9. Receive a response to any complaint or grievance within 30 days of filing it.
10. Be informed of independent ombudsman or advocacy services outside the agency to help you resolve problems or grievances (see phone number at bottom of this form), including how to access a federal complaint center within the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

D. Confidentiality and Privacy

1. Receive a copy of your agency's Notice of Privacy Policies and Procedures. Your agency will ask you to acknowledge receipt of this document.
2. Keep your HIV status confidential or anonymous with respect to HIV counseling and testing services. Have information explained to you about confidentiality policies and under what conditions, if any, information about HIV care services may be released.
3. Request restricted access to specific sections of your medical records.
4. Authorize or withdraw requests for your medical record from anyone else besides your health care providers and for billing purposes.
5. Question information in your medical chart and make a written request to change specific documented information. Your physician has the right to accept or refuse your request with an explanation.

E. Billing Information and Assistance

1. Receive complete information and explanation in advance of all charges that may be incurred for receiving care, treatment, and services as well as payment policies of your provider.
2. Receive information on any programs to help you pay and assistance in accessing such assistance and any other benefits for which you may be eligible.

F. Patient/Client Responsibilities

In order to help your provider give you and other clients the care to which you are entitled, you also have the responsibility to:

1. Participate in the development and implementation of your individual treatment or service plan to the extent that you are able.
2. Provide your providers, to the best of your knowledge, accurate and complete information about your current and past health and illness, medications and other treatment and services you are receiving, since all of these may affect your care. Communicate promptly in the future any changes or new developments.
3. Communicate to your provider whenever you do not understand and information you are given.
4. Follow the treatment plan you have agreed to and/or accept the consequences of not following the recommended course of treatment or of using other treatments.
5. Keep your appointments and commitments at this agency or inform the agency promptly if you cannot do so.

6. Keep your provider or main contact informed about how to reach you confidentially by phone, mail, or other means.
7. Follow the agency's rules and regulations concerning patient/client care and conduct.
8. Be considerate of your providers and fellow clients/patients and treat them with the respect you yourself expect.
9. The use of profanity or abusive or hostile language; threats, violence or intimidation; carrying weapons of any sort; theft or vandalism; intoxication or use of illegal drugs; and sexual harassment or misconduct is strictly prohibited.
10. Maintain the confidentiality of everyone else receiving care or services at the agency by never mentioning to anyone who you see here or casually speaking to other clients not already know to you if you see them elsewhere.

For More Help or Information

Your first step in getting more information or resolving any complaints or grievances should be to speak with your provider or a designated client services representative or patient or treatment advocate at the agency. If this does not resolve any problem in a reasonable time span, or if serious concerns or issues that arise that you feel you need to speak about with someone outside the agency, you may call the number below for confidential, independent information and assistance.

For patient and complaints/grievances call (800) 260-8787
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday

CLIENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Policy

APLA Health has established a Client Bill of Rights to ensure that clients are treated with respect and are provided the highest possible quality of services. The grievance policy has been adopted for a client to utilize if he/she feels one of his/her rights, as defined in the Client Bill of Rights, was violated or if he/she has a specific grievance that needs to be addressed.

Procedures

1. If a client has a grievance with a program or with the staff of a program, the client should first try to resolve the matter with the supervisor or program manager.
2. If resolution is not achieved after speaking with the supervisor or the program manager, then the client should contact the division director.
3. The supervisor, program manager, and division director will listen to the information about the incident and will attempt to mediate the grievance.
4. Any grievance that is the result of a dispute over a written service agreement between a client and a manager of a specific program will be examined by the division director to determine if the service agreement was fair, and if the service agreement was in fact violated by the client.
5. If the matter cannot be mediated, it will be turned over to the division director for final resolution.
6. Grievances will receive prompt attention. Every effort will be made by all appropriate staff to address and resolve grievances within ten (10) working days.
7. If you believe your grievance has not been resolved, you may contact the Los Angeles Division of HIV and STD Programs at 1.800.260.8787.

My signature below acknowledges that I have read or been informed and given a copy of the above policy and procedures. I also understand that APLA Health has the right to suspend or terminate services to me if I do not comply with or sign these policies and procedures.

Client Name (Please Print)

AP#

Signature of Client

Date (MM/DD/YY)

Agency Representative (Please Print)

Title

Agency Representative Signature

Date (MM/DD/YY)

DOCUMENTS ACCEPTED FOR VERIFICATION OF GROSS MONTHLY INCOME

Documents used to verify income cannot be older than three months.

Income Source	Verification Document
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub • Bank Statement (Direct Deposit) • Award Letter • COLA Statement • Social Security Benefit Statement
State Disability Insurance (SDI) Unemployment Insurance (UI) Workers Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub • Award Statement
General Relief (GR) CalWORKS (TANF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPSS Benefit Statement
Veterans Administration Benefits (VA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub • Bank Statement (Direct Deposit) • Award Letter/COLA Statement • VA Benefit Statement
Employment Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payroll Check Stub • W2 or 1099 Tax Form • Tax Return • Letter from Employer • APLA Health Alternative Income Form
Private Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub • Benefit Verification Statement
Retirement/Pension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub • Bank Statement (Direct Deposit) • Benefit Verification Statement
Child Support Alimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub
Support Family & Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Support
Investment Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Records
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stub or DPSS Benefit Statement • Award Letter/DPSS Benefit Statement

HOPWA Program Participation Agreement

Must be completed with initial/annual eligibility certification

HOPWA Eligibility

- At least one of your household members must be living with HIV.
- Household annual gross income cannot exceed 80% of area median income.
- Must be living in Los Angeles County

People with HIV/AIDS Rights and Responsibilities

- Receive considerate, respectful, professional, confidential and timely care in a safe client-centered environment without bias in accordance with federal, State and local laws.
- Receive services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.
- Receive complete and up-to-date information in words you understand regarding your housing services.
- Participate actively with your provider(s) in discussions about choices and housing options available.
- Make the final decision about which choice and option is best for you after you have been given all relevant information about these choices and the clear recommendation of your provider.
- To be informed of the terms and expectations of your housing and any consequences for refusing to comply with them.
- Refuse any offered services or end participation in any program without bias.
- Be informed and provided a copy of the agency's grievance policy and procedures.
- To have your records and communications kept confidential.
- Collaborate with your provider to develop and comply with a comprehensive housing plan, with the ultimate goal to achieve or maintain permanent sustainable housing.
- Provide, to the best of your knowledge, accurate and complete information.
- To report all changes in income, residency, or household composition to your provider immediately.
- Communicate to your provider whenever you do not understand information you are given
- Follow the individual housing plan you have agreed to or accept the consequences of failing the recommended course of options related to your housing.
- Keep your appointments and commitments at this agency or inform the agency promptly if you cannot do so.
- Keep your provider(s) informed about how to reach you confidentially by phone, mail or other means.
- To be informed and follow the agency's rules, regulations and policies and procedures and any consequences for refusing to comply with them.

Participation Acknowledgement

I hereby state that I have read and understand the HOPWA Program Participation Agreement. I understand that my household must meet basic eligibility requirements to be considered for HOPWA program enrollment. I further understand that specific programs may have additional eligibility requirement(s). I understand that financial assistance may vary from one household to another. I understand that services are needs-based and depend on funding availability, agency capacity, and adherence to my housing plan. I agree to work collaboratively with my provider to achieve my housing goals. I understand that non-compliance with the responsibilities listed above may result in termination of HOPWA services.

Client Name

Client Signature

Date:

Provider Name

Provider Signature

Date:

Self-Certification of Income or Zero Income

This form should be completed by the HOPWA applicant, but applies to the entire household.

I, _____ am applying for assistance through a Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) federally funded program.

I understand that HUD regulations require gross income documentation for all household members 18 years of age and older. (Documentation must be complete and cover a full month (30 days) preceding the eligibility certification or recertification). I understand that this form is used to declare zero income or to document household income for which I cannot obtain third party documentation.

Income includes, but is not limited to:

- Gross wages, salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips, bonuses, and other compensation for personal services.
- Net income from operation of a business or from rental or real personal property.
- Interest, dividends, and other net income of any kind for real personal property.
- Amounts derived from assets for all household members.
- Full amount of periodic payments received from Social Security, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability/death benefits, and other similar types of periodic receipts except as provided in line 14 of Annual Income Exclusions.
- Payments in lieu of earnings, such as unemployment and disability compensation, worker's compensation, and severance pay except as provided in line 3 of Annual Income Exclusions.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), including amounts designated for shelter and utilities. Alimony, child support payments, and regular contributions from organizations or from persons not residing in the dwelling. All regular pay, special pay, and allowances of a member of the Armed Forces except as provided in line 7 of Annual Income Exclusions.

Zero Income

- I hereby certify that **no one** in my household has received any income in the last 30 days. I/we do not expect to receive any income in the near future. I will notify my provider immediately if I/we do receive any income from any source.

Self-Certification of Income

- I hereby certify that I and/or an adult household member received the following income in the last 30 days, but **cannot obtain** third party verification. I understand that third-party verification is the preferred method of confirming income, but is unavailable because: _____

Income Source: _____ Pay Frequency _____ Date of Receipt _____

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Income Source: _____ Pay Frequency _____ Date of Receipt _____

I understand self-certification of income is only permitted when I have zero income or attempted but cannot obtain third party proof of income. I understand that any misrepresentation of information or failure to disclose information requested on this form may form may disqualify me from participation in this LAHD federally funded program, and may be grounds for termination of assistance. WARNING: It is unlawful to provide false information to the government when applying for federal public benefit programs per the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812. It is unlawful to provide false information to the government when applying for federal public benefit programs per the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act. I agree to report any changes in income to my housing case manager immediately.

Client Name

Client Signature

Date

AFFIDAVIT of BANK ACCOUNT and ASSETS

This form should be completed by the HOPWA applicant, but applies to the entire household.

I, _____, am applying for assistance through a Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) federally funded program. HUD regulations require verification of all financial information for participating households, including income, bank accounts, and assets. Annual income includes amounts derived from assets for all household members. Assets are any items of value that may be turned into cash. There is no asset limitation for participation in this program.

Please check all that apply to your household:

- I/we have one or more bank savings account(s)
- I/we have one or more bank checking account(s)
- No household member has a bank account

Please check off if you or any adult in your household currently have any of the following assets:

- Cash held in Savings and Checking accounts, Safe Deposit Boxes
- Certificates of Deposit, Mutual Funds, Stocks, Bonds
- Cash Value of Whole or Universal Life Insurance
- Annuities, Revocable Trust
- Collections held as an investment: Gems, Jewelry, Coin Collections
- Employer Pensions and Retirement
- Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), Keogh accounts
- Cash, this includes but not limited to saving cash at home under a mattress, coffee can, etc. *(Although this is does not produce income, it is a thing of value that could be used to the benefit of the household member. Some programs require that households "spend down" assets before they can participate)*

An asset does not include the following: Clothing, cars, wedding ring or other jewelry not held as an investment, furniture, interests in Indian trust land, term life insurance policies, equity in cooperative unit, assets that are par of an active business, assets that are not accessible.

Please check off if you or any adult in your household do not have any assets:

- No assets

I understand that any misrepresentation of information or failure to disclose information requested on this form may disqualify me from participation in this LAHD federally funded program, and may be grounds for termination of assistance. WARNING: It is unlawful to provide false information to the government when applying for federal public benefit programs per the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812.

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I also understand that it is my responsibility to report all changes in my household composition or income in writing within ten (10) business days of such change.

Client Name

Client Signature

Date

Provider Name

Provider Signature

Date