

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health



HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration

Dear HIV Medical Provider:

We are pleased to release the **HIV Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care Services Standards** recently adopted by the Metropolitan Washington Regional Health Services Planning Council. The Standards were developed by DC Department of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA) with guidance from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Planning Council and area physicians. The Standards complement the U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines on HIV Primary Medical Care.

The purpose of the Standards is to set a minimum level of care and quality for HIV primary medical services provided in the District of Columbia and the Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). They are intended to help agencies meet the needs of their clients. As a HIV medical provider, we expect you to adopt the Standards as your minimum standard of care. Adherence to these standards is an important element in the provision of Ryan White funded outpatient/ambulatory medical care services and providers will be monitored accordingly.

We welcome providers to exceed the Standards and appreciate sharing of those efforts to help inform and improve standards of care across the region.

The Standards are results oriented and emphasize the achievement of good health outcomes for our clients. They provide programmatic goals and list general recommendations to accomplish them. The Standards are attached and can also be found at www.doh.dc.gov/hiv.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the medical care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nkemdi", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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