

# RESPITE CARE

## HRSA Description (10-22-2018)

*Respite Care is* the provision of periodic respite care in community or home-based settings that includes non-medical assistance designed to provide care for an HRSA RWHAP-eligible client to relieve the primary caregiver responsible for their day-to- day care.

## HRSA Program Guidance

Recreational and social activities are allowable program activities as part of a Respite Care provided in a licensed or certified provider setting including drop-in centers within HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services or satellite facilities.

Funds may be used to support informal, home-based Respite Care, but liability issues should be included in the consideration of this expenditure. Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted.

Funds may not be used for off premise social/recreational activities or to pay for a client's gym membership.

*See also* Psychosocial Support Services

## Qualifications

Competencies, Knowledge, and Skills	Evaluation/Documentation
If provided by an agency who provides professional respite or caregiver services, staff has the skills, experience, qualifications and licensure to provide respite care services. If the client designates a community respite care giver who is a member of his or her natural network, this designation suffices as the qualification.	Demonstrated competencies, knowledge and skills must be available upon request (e.g. participation in training, formal supervisory review, direct observation, case review, etc.).