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Historical Note

AHF's managed care program, Positive Healthcare, began in 1995 after earning a \$1.25 million federal grant in 1994. Positive Healthcare is the nation's first full-service capitated managed care program for people living with HIV and AIDS. At the time, AHF operated five outpatient healthcare centers and two residential hospices. The client population was around 2,600. AHF then and now has the largest community-based provider of HIV medical care in the United States. As part of an original study with Johns Hopkins, AHF created the specialized healthcare program for those with HIV providing full medical services and mental health and psycho-social support. Under a contract with the California Department of Health Services, Positive Healthcare accepted Medi-Cal recipients, and expanded to provide care within established HMO and health insurance networks.

The same year, AHF partnered with the first non-AHF healthcare provider in its ever-growing network of providers, St Mary Medical Center in Long Beach. Services in the managed care program include:

1. Telephone access to a 24-hour emergency nurse advice service
2. A personal health advisor, assisting clients with questions about their benefits, etc.
3. Access to clinical drug trials
4. Full mental health benefits by a team of professionals
5. Pharmacy benefits
6. Nutrition services from a register dietician
7. An 800-information line in which a client can call and retrieve information by a touch-tone phone
8. In-patient care at Southern California hospitals with AIDS Specialty Services
9. An information center of tapes, books and other media at every healthcare center on topics covering nutrition, exercise, vitamins and herbs, the latest medications and treatment

The first director of managed care at AHF was Marie Flores Clarke, and is currently Donna Stidham. The AHF Managed Care program spread to Florida, with a contract with both the federal and state government, called Positive Healthcare Partners.