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Historical Note

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation spread outside of just California and began working in Florida in 1999. The state of Florida contracted AHF to take charge of Positive Healthcare/Florida which was the largest HIV/AIDS healthcare organization in the nation. This included testing, treatment, linking patients to care, and educating primary care physicians on HIV/AIDS and prevention tips. The program started out with around 7,500 patients. Moving forward, the key elements of the Southern Bureau included disease management, private pay clinics, Broward Wellness, the opening of AHF pharmacies, and Haiti and Puerto Rico relief efforts led by domestic employees. As of 2019, the Southern Bureau includes Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.

The contract for disease management in Florida was initially led by Peter Reis, the VP and CFO of AHF. Medicaid beneficiaries with HIV could now get their treatment through AHF in Florida. This was an important expansion for AHF to move towards, as the South had the greatest need for resources to treat and prevent HIV/AIDS.

The Broward Wellness Center opened in 2013 in Broward County, Florida.

For emergency relief from natural disasters, the Southern Bureau has come to the aid of Haiti after Hurricane Matthew and in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Irma, providing generators and other necessary survival equipment.