

INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In an effort to provide continued health coverage for persons living with HIV/AIDS, the Office of AIDS (OA) has created a new section, the [Insurance Assistance Section](#). This new section is an expansion of the previous Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency/Health Insurance Premium Payment (CARE/HIPP) program that was originally established to pay health insurance premiums on behalf of individuals who were disabled due to HIV/AIDS and at risk of losing their health insurance.

This section oversees:

- [OA Health Insurance Premium Payment Program \(OA-HIPP\)](#) which pays health insurance premiums for HIV-positive California residents who do not have health insurance or are at risk of losing their health insurance.
- [OA-Pre-Existing Condition Program \(OA-PCIP\)](#) which assists HIV-positive clients by paying PCIP insurance premiums.
- [Medicare Part D Premium Payment Program](#) which pays monthly prescription drug premiums for eligible AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) clients.

In 2011 OA designed a comprehensive outreach strategy to increase awareness for both OA-HIPP and OA-PCIP among stakeholders (county administrators, advocates, case managers, enrollment sites/workers, and care clinics) and included the development of enrollment worker certification programs. Prior to the implementation of OA-HIPP there were 105 CARE/HIPP clients, 48 enrollment sites and 79 enrollment workers. As of October 14, 2011 there are 217 new OA-HIPP clients (207% increase), 100 enrollment sites, and 257 certified OA-HIPP enrollment workers (325% increase).

The creation of this new section is reflective of [OA](#) and [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#) goals which are: 1) reduce new HIV infections; 2) increase access to care; and 3) reduce HIV-related health disparities.

Related Information:

- OA is also working with the Department of Health Care Services on the implementation of the new [Low Income Health Program \(LIHP\)](#).
- OA [summary document](#) on HIV health care delivery services and health care reform.
- OA's ADAP pays for all HIV-related prescription co-payments and deductibles for persons living with HIV/AIDS who are co-enrolled in OA-PCIP and ADAP. Visit [Ramsell Public Health RX](#).
- [ADAP Estimate](#). January and May of each year OA prepares the ADAP Estimate Package for the Legislature. The Estimate provides ADAP budgetary information including information on client utilization, drug rebate, and policy changes.

