

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT PROGRAM

The Office of AIDS (OA) [Health Insurance Premium Payment Program \(OA-HIPP\)](#) pays health insurance premiums for people who do not have health insurance or for people who are at risk of losing their health insurance so they can continue to receive access to the care and services they need. OA-HIPP replaces the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency/Health Insurance Premium Payment (CARE/HIPP) program and unlike CARE/HIPP is not limited to individuals who are disabled due to HIV/AIDS.

Individuals are eligible for OA-HIPP if they:

- Have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis;
- Are a resident of California;
- Are at least 18 years old;
- Have an adjusted gross income that does not exceed \$50,000; and
- Are not enrolled in Medicare, Medi-Cal or the Low Income Health Program.

In 2011 OA designed a comprehensive outreach strategy to increase awareness for OA-HIPP 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 new OA-HIPP program facilitates [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 [Insurance Assistance Section](#) assists HIV-positive Californian's with health coverage premium costs.
- 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 AIDS Drug Assistance Program (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.

