How do I enroll in PrEP-AP?

Step 1: Contact an authorized Enrollment Site (ES) near you.
  Call the ES and make an appointment with an Enrollment Worker (EW).

Step 2: Visit the authorized ES.
  Bring required supporting documentation (proof of residency, income, identification, and copy of your insurance card).

Step 3: Enroll in Gilead’s Co-Payment Assistance Program and OA’s PrEP-AP.
  The EW will enroll you in the Gilead Co-Payment Assistance Program and complete a PrEP-AP application on your behalf.

Step 4: Visit a medical provider in your health plan network to be assessed for clinical eligibility for PrEP. This must be completed within 30 days of applying to PrEP-AP.
  Obtain your lab results showing HIV-negative status.

Step 5: Return your HIV lab result to the EW (must be dated within 6-months of their PrEP-AP application).

Step 6: EW will complete the PrEP-AP enrollment and 12-months of eligibility will be granted.

Other Important Information:

Prescription Coverage:
Clients enrolled in the Gilead Co-Payment Assistance Program will receive a Co-Payment Coupon Card, which will be used to process prescriptions for Truvada® until the annual $4,800 threshold is met. After which, insured clients will need to provide the pharmacy with their PrEP-AP prescription benefit card, to receive assistance with the remaining Truvada® costs for the remainder of the year.

Kaiser Permanente:
Kaiser currently does not accept co-payment Coupon cards issued by drug manufacturers. Kaiser clients will need to pay their medical co-payment obligation out of pocket and submit reimbursement claims to McKesson (Gilead’s program administrator) until their $4,800 Annual threshold has been met.

Medical Out-of-Pocket Costs:
Insured clients should never be billed at the point of service when receiving approved PrEP-related medical services. If a provider is not able to bill the PrEP-AP directly, clients must see another medical provider on their health plan network that is able to do so. The PrEP-AP is not able to reimburse clients for costs paid by the client out-of-pocket.

Contact Information:
For questions, please contact the Office of AIDS call center at:
1-844-421-7050

Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Or send questions to:
PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov

Office of AIDS
P.O. Box 997377 M.S. 0500
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377
What is PrEP?
PrEP is a once daily medication that individuals can take who are HIV Negative to reduce their chance of contracting HIV. A daily dose of PrEP reduces the risk of contracting HIV from sex by more than 90%. Among people who inject drugs, it reduces the risk by more than 70%.

Please Note: PrEP does not protect against pregnancy or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

Who Should Take Truvada®?
Truvada® for PrEP is recommended for any individuals who are at significant risk of contracting HIV including:

- Men who have sex with men (MSM), or who have multiple sex partners;
- Heterosexual and transgender men or women who have multiple sex partners and do not regularly use condoms; and
- Individuals who share needles/equipment to inject drugs or recently went to a drug treatment program.

Consult with your physician to determine if this treatment is right for you.

How Can I Pay for PrEP?
The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases (CID), Office of AIDS (OA), PrEP-AP provides assistance with medications related to treatment for the prevention of HIV. For insured clients, the PrEP-AP will pay for:

1) Approved PrEP-related medical out-of-pocket costs; and
2) The gap between what the client’s insurance plan and the manufacturer’s Co-Payment Assistance Program will pay towards PrEP medication (Truvada®) cost.


PrEP-AP Eligibility Requirements
In order to enroll in the PrEP-AP, insured clients must also enroll in Gilead’s Co-Payment Assistance Program. Currently Gilead Sciences, Inc. (Gilead) is the sole manufacturer of Truvada® for PrEP. Clients enrolled in Gilead’s Co-Payment Assistance Program will receive assistance of $4,800 annually towards Truvada® co-payments from Gilead. Clients must maintain eligibility in both the PrEP and Gilead’s Co-Payment Assistance Program in order to receive PrEP-AP benefits, which includes re-enrolling every 12 months in the PrEP-AP. For Gilead’s Co-Payment Assistance Program, clients will maintain eligibility as long as they have insurance coverage.

Individuals are eligible for PrEP-AP services if they meet the following criteria:

- Are residents of California;
- Have a negative HIV test result (dated within 6 months of the PrEP-AP application);
- Are at least 18 years of age;
- Have an annual Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) that does not exceed 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) based on family size and household income;
- Are not fully covered by Medi-Cal or other third party payers; and
- Are enrolled in the manufacturer’s assistance program (if eligible)

What Medications are Used in PrEP?
Currently Truvada® is the only medication that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for PrEP. Truvada® combines two medications in one: Emtriva (also called emtricitabine or FTC) and Viread (also called tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or TDF).

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