ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from July
Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program	579	+5%
Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program	4,615	-0.6%
Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) Program	1,748	+2%
Total	**6,942**	**+0.4%**

Individuals who have general questions regarding the Gilead Copay Coupon Card Program may call the main program number at (877) 505-6986.

Strategy G: Improve Availability of HIV Care

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will release its draft of the 2018-19 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for public comment prior to submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on September 30, 2019. The CAPER reports on specified federal housing and economic assistance allocated by the state, which includes the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The draft will be available on HCD's website at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/plans-reports/index.shtml#caper, for a 15-day public comment period between September 4 and September 18, 2019. The HCD website will also provide details on how to submit public comments closer to the public comment period.

Strategy J: Increase Rates of Insurance/Benefits Coverage for PLWH or on PrEP

ADAP's Insurance Assistance Programs:

As of August 27, the number of ADAP clients enrolled in each respective ADAP Insurance Program are shown in the chart above.

Strategy K: Increase and Improve HIV Prevention and Support Services for People Who Use Drugs

The California Budget Act of 2019 included $15.2 million in funding for syringe services programs (SSPs) staffing, to be spent over four years. The initiative also includes funds for technical assistance to SSPs and to the organizations SSPs work with to provide comprehensive services to people who use drugs.

The funding will roll out in two stages: first OA will release an RFA for a grants manager/technical assistance (TA) provider. The awarded organization will then issue an RFA to SSPs. They will also provide TA, and evaluate the impact of the project.

The Harm Reduction Unit has completed thirty interviews with stakeholders interested in providing input into the RFA, and on July 16th hosted a webinar with stakeholders to discuss next steps for funding. To sign up for an interview, or receive the recording of the webinar, contact Leslie Knight (Leslie.Knight@cdph.ca.gov.)

CDPH's Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard has been updated with new indicators and data, found at https://bit.ly/33ZkmQb. It now includes

morbidity and mortality indicators for opioids combined with other drugs and other drug poisonings, both for benzodiazepines, amphetamines, and cocaine. Full-year 2018 emergency department data are also available.

Harm Reduction Coalition has produced a simple 1-page guide to safer drug use that includes strategies, safer injection practices, and information on skin and soft tissue infections. The guide can be found at https://bit.ly/2MBz76t.

Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement

Ending the HIV Epidemics in the United States:

Responding to the national "Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States" plan, the CDC and HRSA have issued notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs) targeted to the 50 counties and eight states that have the highest burden of HIV in the United States. In California, designated counties include Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Francisco.

The CDC NOFO deadline has past and notification of awards will be announced by September 30, 2019. This NOFO was a one-year grant for accelerated planning and updating of Getting to Zero plans. Los Angeles and San Francisco submitted applications specifically for their counties. The NOFO directed the State Office of AIDS to submit an application on behalf of the other six counties. It is anticipated that a second NOFO will be issued by the CDC for a four-year period to implement the plan developed in year one.

The HRSA NOFO was released on August 13, 2019 and applications are due October 15, 2019 (HRSA-20-078). Per NOFO instructions, the designated Part A counties can submit applications directly. The funding is to be used in specified counties rather than for the entire Eligible Metropolitan Areas or Transitional Grant Areas. California designated Part A eligible counties include Los Angeles County, Oakland (Alameda County), Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, Sacramento County, San Diego County and San Francisco City/County. Funding from this award will be used to implement strategies, interventions, approaches, and core medical and support services to reduce new HIV infections in the United States. Unique to this NOFO is not requiring clients to meet all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) eligibility requirements, only that there is a documented HIV diagnosis. Therefore, these monies may reach people ineligible for RWHAP programs. As always, the State Office of AIDS is happy to collaborate and coordinate services between all California local health jurisdictions.

AIDS2020:

The International AIDS Conference will convene in San Francisco and Oakland, July 6 – 10, 2020. Registration for the conference opens October 1, 2019. The local planning committee is developing an abstract mentor program to assist local organizations who want to submit abstracts for presentation at the conference. Follow the resources being developed by the local AIDS2020 committee at http://aids2020local.org.

Strategy O: Further Leverage Existing Resources to Better Meet the Needs of People at Risk for and Living with HIV in California

California Planning Group (CPG):

OA and CPG members will convene for their fall in-person meeting October 21 – 23, 2019 in San Diego, CA. The meeting will provide CPG members an opportunity to share updates, exchange ideas and conduct CPG business. Additional information about this meeting can be found at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_CPG.aspx.

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