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Management Memorandum  
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TO: PrEP-AP CLINICAL NETWORK PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: **PrEP-AP TEMPORARY COVERAGE THROUGH AUTHORIZED PHARMACIES**

### Overview

The purpose of this memo is to announce the introduction of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Assistance Program (PrEP-AP) Temporary Coverage through authorized pharmacies. PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage provides clients with 30 days of temporary eligibility in order to obtain PrEP or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

### Background

In 2019, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 159, which allows pharmacists to furnish HIV PrEP and PEP to eligible patients without a prescription. Pharmacists must complete a training approved by the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to be licensed to furnish PrEP and PEP without a prescription. PrEP-AP will allow pharmacies to enroll individuals into PrEP-AP with limited, temporary coverage, if the pharmacy meets specific requirements (see requirements in Participating Pharmacies section).

### Temporary Coverage Benefit

PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage is a limited benefit that **does not** include all services on the PrEP-AP Allowable Medical Services list or all drugs on the PrEP-AP Formulary.



PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage will only pay for:

- HIV test if accessed at PrEP-AP clinical provider or the OraQuick In-Home HIV Test Kit if obtained at a Magellan Network Pharmacy.
- office visit with a PrEP-AP clinical provider to order HIV testing.
- PrEP medication: 30-day supply (client can enroll in PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage up to two times to obtain two 30-day dispenses every two years to receive the 60-day supply per SB 159. Please Note: the dispenses can be consecutive). Clients who enroll in PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage for PrEP may also receive a full course of PEP medications during their 30-day eligibility period.
- PEP medication: full course (client can enroll in PrEP-AP temporary coverage up to 12 times a year, with a maximum of 13 dispenses per year. Please note: the client must enroll in PrEP-AP temporary coverage for each 30 day dispense of PEP).

Please see the enclosed list of allowable medical services for PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage clients. A Provider Referral Form for uninsured clients is not required for clients enrolled in PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage. PrEP-AP clinical network providers may bill PrEP-AP for services on the PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage allowable medical services list. Any medical service not on this list will not be reimbursable by PrEP-AP. Clients can access full PrEP-AP benefits by enrolling into PrEP-AP through a PrEP-AP enrollment worker at a PrEP-AP enrollment site.

### **Participating Pharmacies**

PrEP-AP will allow pharmacies to enroll individuals into PrEP-AP with limited, temporary coverage if:

- A pharmacist working at the pharmacy has completed the BOP approved training to furnish PrEP and PEP without a prescription,
- The pharmacy is within the Magellan Rx Network, and
- The pharmacy contracts directly with PrEP-AP for enrollment services, and completes a training on enrolling clients into PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage. Please contact PrEP-AP at [PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov) to request a copy of this application.

Pharmacies will have the ability to enroll clients into PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage through the ADAP Enrollment System (AES) if the client is HIV negative and does not have insurance, Medicare, or Medi-Cal. HIV negative minors (age 12-17) may enroll regardless of insurance status. Upon enrollment into Temporary Coverage, the pharmacy will provide the client with information about PrEP-AP, the nearest PrEP-AP enrollment site and clinical provider, and medication assistance programs.

If you have any questions regarding this new PrEP-AP benefit, please email

[PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:PrEP.Support@cdph.ca.gov) .

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SKemp', is centered below the 'Thank you,' text.

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Enclosures

- 1) Allowable Medical Services for PrEP-AP Temporary Coverage Clients