

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA)  
Monthly Report  
September 2018**

This report is organized to align the updates with Strategies from the *Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California’s Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan* (Integrated Plan). The Integrated Plan is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP\\_2016\\_Final.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/IP_2016_Final.pdf).

**Strategy A: Improve Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Utilization**

**Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)**

- On August 13, OA reached out to five sites informing them of their PrEP go-live date of August 20. Sites were provided with a PrEP-AP Enrollment Site Approval Letter and resources to assist the enrollment site in enrolling applicants.
- As of August 27, there are 149 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and OA has executed 25 contracts covering a total of 38 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network:

Clinical Provider Name	County	# of clinics on contract
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Alameda and San Francisco	2
Asian Health Services	Alameda	1
East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC)	Alameda	1
Primary Care at Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo	Imperial	4
Kern County Department of Public Health	Kern	1
APLA Health & Wellness - Baldwin Hills	Los Angeles	2
Bartz - Altadonna Community Health Center	Los Angeles	1
Dignity Health - St. Mary's Medical Center	Los Angeles	1
East Valley Community Health Center	Los Angeles	2
JWHC Institute, Inc. - East Hollywood	Los Angeles	1
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles	1
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	Los Angeles	1
St. John Well Child and Family Center	Los Angeles	1
Watts Healthcare Corporation	Los Angeles	1

Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
San Ysidro Health	San Diego	2
Vista Community Clinic	San Diego	1
Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness	San Francisco	1
HealthRIGHT360	San Francisco	4
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
UCSF 360 Positive Care	San Francisco	1
Santa Rosa Community Health	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

**Strategy H: Improve Integration of HIV Services with Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), Tuberculosis, Dental, and Other Services**

OA would like to congratulate Orange County Health Agency (OCHA), 17<sup>th</sup> Street Testing, Treatment, and Care Clinic for winning a Center for Quality Improvement and Innovation (CQII) 2018 Quality Award. Every year the Health Resources and Services Administration-funded CQII recognize the outstanding work of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and consumers that have shown either exemplary performance or leadership in some aspect of quality management. OCHA received the Leadership in Quality award for the pilot project they did with the California Ryan White Part B Clinical Quality Management Program and California Prevention Training Center. The project was to increase extra genital gonorrhea and chlamydia screening (three-site testing) among men who have sex with men. Lessons learned from the implementation of this project have been valuable in framing how the CDPH will continue to support STD screenings for people living with HIV.

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

**Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program**

- New and existing AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) clients who are currently enrolled in an employer-based health insurance premium plan may receive premium assistance for the client's (employee's) portion of their employer-based insurance premiums, if eligible.
- CDPH developed a brochure and talking points to provide to clients to assist them in speaking about and answering questions from employers regarding the EB-HIPP Program.

**Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) Program**

- The MDPP Program pays monthly Medicare Part D premiums or Medigap premiums for eligible ADAP clients.

- On July 30, a letter was sent to all ADAP clients who are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan, but not enrolled in the MDPP Program. The letter included information regarding the MDPP Program eligibility and benefits, including payment of Medigap premiums and outpatient medical out-of-pocket (MOOP) claims.
- ADAP enrollment workers received an MDPP Program client brochure and a set of Frequently Asked Questions, to assist in answering program questions from clients.

### **Strategy M: Improve Usability of Collected Data**

In August, OA provided each local health jurisdiction specific data on the nine of twelve Integrated Plan Objectives that allows for analysis at the local level. In addition, an overall summary of local data was released to the public via the OA website. This also impacts Strategies D, E, F, G, and J.

### **Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement**

On October 23-25, 2018, OA will host a California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in Long Beach, California. This meeting will provide OA staff and CPG members an opportunity to share updates, provide feedback, and conduct CPG business. The meeting is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Information about the meeting will be posted on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA\\_CPG.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_CPG.aspx).

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

The CDPH, Centers for Infectious Diseases has commenced planning for the integration of the OA and the STD Control Branch into one, new division. A planning team is actively working on a proposal that will be submitted to CDPH for approval in December 2018.

### **OA Budget and Legislative Updates**

The Governor signed the California budget on June 27. Accompanying the budget bill is a trailer bill with language that implements the budget items. Two important things were changed for OA:

1. The PrEP-AP was changed to add coverage for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), include coverage for minors over age 12, and cover more services for PrEP and PEP for people with and without insurance. A fact sheet with specifics about the changes is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Trailer%20Bill%20Language%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20PrEP-AP%2006292018\\_ADA.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Trailer%20Bill%20Language%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20PrEP-AP%2006292018_ADA.pdf).

2. CDPH's authority to certify Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs) at the state level was set to expire at the end of 2018. The trailer bill language extended OA's authority indefinitely to certify these programs. The bill also made some changes that will enable programs to make changes after they are certified. A fact sheet with specifics about the changes is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Trailer%20Bill%20Language%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20SEP\\_ADA.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Trailer%20Bill%20Language%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20SEP_ADA.pdf).

OA sent out a letter to stakeholders detailing the items in the budget that concern OA, as well as the updates about the two statutory changes for the PrEP-AP and the SEP authority. The letter is available on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Stakeholder%20Letter%20FY%202018-19%20Enacted%20Budget%20Office%20of%20AIDS.docx.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Stakeholder%20Letter%20FY%202018-19%20Enacted%20Budget%20Office%20of%20AIDS.docx.pdf).

### **General OA Updates**

OA is pleased to announce its HIV Laws webpage has been updated and is available at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/HIVLaws.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/HIVLaws.aspx). This web page houses HIV-related laws, fact sheets, and legislative highlights by year.

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