

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

- As of October 31, there are 151 PrEP-AP enrollment sites, and OA has executed 31 contracts covering 46 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network:

<b>Clinical Provider Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Number of clinics on contract</b>
Alameda Health System - Highland Hospital	Alameda	1
Asian Health Services	Alameda	1
East Bay AIDS Center (EBAC)	Alameda	1
Primary Care at Home, Inc.	Alameda	1
AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Alameda and San Francisco	2
Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo	Imperial	4
Kern County Department of Public Health	Kern	1
Men's Health Foundation	Los Angeles	1
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
Bartz - Altadonna Community Health Center	Los Angeles	1
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	Los Angeles	1
JWHC Institute, Inc.	Los Angeles	1
East Valley Community Health Center	Los Angeles	2
St. John Well Child and Family Center	Los Angeles	1
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles	1
Watts Healthcare Corporation	Los Angeles	1
APLA Health & Wellness	Los Angeles	3

Dignity Health - St. Mary's Medical Center	Los Angeles	1
City of Long Beach	Los Angeles	1
Desert AIDS Project, Inc.	Riverside	1
One Community Health	Sacramento	1
Regents UC San Diego Medical Center	San Diego	1
Vista Community Clinic	San Diego	1
San Ysidro Health	San Diego	2
Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness	San Francisco	1
HealthRIGHT360	San Francisco	4
UCSF 360 Positive Care	San Francisco	1
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	San Francisco	1
County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department	San Luis Obispo	2
Santa Rosa Community Health	Sonoma	1
West County Health Centers	Sonoma	4

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

Covered California Open Enrollment Period

- The Covered California open enrollment period for 2019 coverage is October 15, 2018, through January 15, 2019.
- On October 15, all ADAP enrollment workers received [Management Memorandum 2018-30: Covered California Open Enrollment and Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment \(OA-HIPP\) Program Requirements](#), informing them of the Covered California open enrollment period and OA-HIPP Program requirements.
- On October 22, CDPH mailed letters to ADAP-only clients (those who have no other form of healthcare coverage, and for whom ADAP is paying the full cost of their ADAP formulary prescriptions), to inform them of their Covered California healthcare options and how to apply. Clients who are not eligible for Covered California will be informed that they may be able to obtain insurance directly through certain health insurance plans.
- On October 29, CDPH mailed letters regarding open enrollment to OA-HIPP clients, who are currently enrolled in a Covered California health plan, to inform them of Covered California's renewal process and subsequent OA-HIPP requirements.

### Off-Exchange Open Enrollment Period

- The off-exchange open enrollment period for Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield of California, and Kaiser Permanente is October 15, 2018, through January 15, 2018.
- On October 18, all ADAP enrollment workers received Management [Memorandum 2018-31: Off Exchange Health Plan Open Enrollment and Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment \(OA-HIPP\) Program Requirements](#), informing them of the open enrollment period for off-exchange plans and OA-HIPP Program requirements.

### Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Period

- The 2019 Medicare Part D open enrollment period is October 15, 2018, through December 7, 2018, for coverage starting on January 1, 2019.
- On September 28, all ADAP enrollment workers received [Management Memorandum 2018-27: medicare Part D Open Enrollment](#), informing them of the Medicare Part D open enrollment period, Medicare Part D Premium Payment (MDPP) Program requirements and MDPP Program enrollment.
- On October 1, 2018, CDPH mailed letters to existing MDPP Program clients that are enrolled in Medicare Part D regarding open enrollment.

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

- CDPH, OA completed two new syringe services program (SSP) authorizations in October – the Safe Points syringe exchange program of Harm Reduction Services (HRS) in Sacramento, and the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR).

HRS has been an active part of the harm reduction community since 1993, and has been authorized to provide syringe services within the City of Sacramento since 2007. CDPH authorization is effective from October 17, 2018, through October 17, 2020, and will allow HRS to expand syringe services to areas of need in multiple locations county-wide through the use of two mobile health units and two new fixed sites at health clinics.

HACHR began providing harm reduction services in 2015, and their syringe services program was authorized by the City of Eureka in 2016. CDPH authorization is effective from October 8, 2018, through October 8, 2020, and enables HACHR to continue syringe services in Eureka as well as expand their service reach to Arcata, Fortuna, and other designated areas in Humboldt County.

- OA has provided assistance to some SSPs in applying for the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) [Naloxone Distribution Project](#), which is supported by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's State Opioid Response grant program. DHCS is making the overdose reversal drug available for free to qualified organizations, which include any organization that serves people who use opiates. Since the project launched on October 1, at least 37 harm reduction groups have applied for more than 54,000 doses of naloxone for distribution to those most at risk of opioid overdose. Applications are still being accepted and harm reduction organizations are encouraged to apply.
- For the first time, the 5-year Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 18-1802 HIV Prevention grant program, administered by CDPH, OA through 20 counties, has required funding for SSPs. Local health departments are currently finalizing workplans in collaboration with OA, which will represent the first time many jurisdictions will support syringe access through dedicated SSPs, nonprescription pharmacy syringe sales, and other means. Jurisdictions without an authorized SSP will work with OA to produce a needs assessment with the aim of increasing access to sterile syringes and other health services for people who use drugs.

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

- On October 15 and 16, Kevin Sitter, OA Integrated Plan Implementation Specialist, attended the Steering Committee and General Membership Meeting for the Adolescent Sexual Health Work Group (ASHWG). This is a coalition of state and community providers all working within adolescent sexual health, from curriculum development to direct services. This collaboration allows OA to contribute to the state plans for adolescent sexual health services.
- An in-person OA California Planning Group (CPG) meeting was held in Long Beach on October 23-25. OA staff provided presentations to the CPG on work being done related to the Integrated Plan. One of the presentations was a panel consisting of representatives from PrEP Navigation Projects in Humboldt County, Kern County, Desert AIDS Project, and Friends Research Institute. There were two presentations provided by CPG subject matter experts on HIV Prevention through Sexually Transmitted Disease Integration and Housing. CPG members and subject matter experts also had opportunities to share updates related to the four goals of the Integrated Plan. CPG members participated in a group exercise to provide discussion and feedback on objectives related to the Integrated Plan. Following adjournment of the meeting, a meeting was held for CPG members to allow for them to discuss their local planning bodies and share challenges, best practices, and resources.

Presentation slides and meeting notes from the meeting are available by request. Requests can be made by sending an email to [cpg@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:cpg@cdph.ca.gov).

- On Tuesday, October 30, staff from OA participated in the Center for Infectious Diseases (CID) “Health Equity Think Tank.” This meeting brought representatives from all CID programs together to discuss how CID can collaborate better to attend to health inequities within its programs. OA Staff who participated included Abigail West from the HIV Care Branch, Housing Unit, Dayakaran Aulakh from the ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch, Ivan Mendoza-Manzo from ADAP, Keshia Lynch from the Prevention Branch, Michael Foster from Prevention, and Kevin Sitter from Division.

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