

California State Office of AIDS

**Report to San Francisco EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council
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Office of AIDS (OA) Division/Cross Branch Issues

OA has released an updated HIV Care Continuum for California based on 2012 data. California has shown improvement in the percentage of people living with HIV who are virally suppressed compared to 2010, and continues to perform better than the national averages. The fact sheet can be accessed on the OA website at <http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Documents/HIVCareContinuum-2012.pdf>.

Ryan White (RW) Part B: HIV Care Program (HCP)

OA Care Branch released a revised HCP and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Progress Report template. The submission deadline for the Progress Report is February 27, 2015. OA will conduct an informational teleconference for contractors about the HCP and MAI Progress Report template on January 22, 2015, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

RW Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- ADAP Management Memo 2014-15, dated December 15, 2014, was distributed to ADAP Enrollment Workers (EWs) for the purpose of providing them with the revised “Screening for Medi-Cal and Covered California” flowchart and a “Comprehensive Health Care Coverage” fact sheet which will assist the EWs in transitioning their clients to other payer sources if applicable.
- ADAP Management Memo 2014-16, dated December 23, 2014, was distributed to ADAP EWs to announce the addition of Cobicistat (Tybost) to the ADAP formulary. Cobicistat, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration on September 24, 2014, received unanimous approval for inclusion by the voting members of ADAP’s Medical Advisory Committee.

ADAP Management Memos are located on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OAADAPMM.aspx.

Prevention

On September 15, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1743 (Ting, Statutes of 2014) as part of statewide efforts to reduce the spread of HIV and other blood-borne diseases. The new law deletes the limit on the number of hypodermic needles and syringes (“syringes”) a pharmacist or physician can provide without a prescription. It also removes the cap on the number of syringes adults age 18 and older are allowed to possess for personal use.

Recent research on nonprescription syringe sale in California indicates that many pharmacists are unclear on what the law currently allows and requires. A free webinar that clarifies current law and focuses on the important role pharmacists can play in preventing HIV and viral hepatitis is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Pharmacists and other health professionals may register for the webinar and receive free CE credits on the California Pharmacists Association website at www.cpha.com/Non-PrescriptionSyringeAccessWebinar.

Additional information and resources are available on the OA syringe access web page at www.cdph.ca.gov/syringeaccess.

Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation

The ARIES Team successfully deployed the second of two enhancements related to the 2014 Ryan White Services Report (RSR) in December. These enhancements contain revisions to the RSR-related reports in ARIES and will allow the 167 ARIES providers who are funded by one or more Ryan White Parts to begin generating and quality-checking their client-level data reports for submission to HAB later this year. Additional information about the enhancements and the RSR can be found in the January 2015 issue of *The ARIES Advisor* newsletter posted on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OAARIESNewsletters.aspx.

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