




California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS
Report to Santa Clara County HIV Planning Council for Prevention and Care
June 2016

Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention and Care Plan

- On May 18, 2016, a second teleconference with all Ryan White Part A partners was held to share progress and exchange information related to the development of the Needs Assessments and Integrated Plans being written for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All authors are progressing at a similar pace, and a discussion of how to estimate the need for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) was beneficial to all.
- A second “Laying the Foundation for Getting to Zero” community forum occurred on May 9, 2016, in Los Angeles, co-hosted by the Los Angeles Commission on HIV. Forty-two participants attended and provided feedback.
- In June, the Office of AIDS (OA) and the Ryan White Part A Co-Authors from Inland Empire, Sacramento County and Santa Clara County, in conjunction with the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, will host three virtual Town Halls to solicit input on the California Needs Assessment for HIV (CNA). OA will reach out to Ryan White Program grantees and providers, HIV care providers, CPG members, local planning councils, representatives of federally-recognized Indian tribes, consumers, state agencies, local AIDS directors and other stakeholders. One Town Hall will be held for each region of the state: Central Valley (June 7th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM), Northern (June 9th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM), and Southern (June 14th from noon to 1:30 PM). For information about the Town Halls, please contact Diem Tran at diem.tran@cdph.ca.gov.
- In June, OA will send out a draft of the Integrated Plan goals and objectives for stakeholders to provide initial input. Persons who would like to be added to an email list to receive updates on this project should contact OfficeofAIDS@cdph.ca.gov and include “Update on the Integrated Plan” in the subject line. Feedback on the draft should also be sent to this same email address, with “Feedback on the Integrated Plan” in the subject line.

Ryan White (RW) Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

ADAP Management Memo 2016-09 was disseminated on May 20, 2016, to ADAP Enrollment Workers and Coordinators to inform ADAP Enrollment Workers that ADAP (which includes the ADAP medication assistance program, Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment [OA-HIPP] program, and the Medicare Part D premium payment program) has new contractors **effective July 1, 2016.**

Contractor Name	Service	Who this applies to
	Program Eligibility & Enrollment	All clients
	Pharmacy/Medication Benefits	All clients
 (Pool Administrators Inc.)	Payment of Insurance Premiums & Medical Out of Pocket Costs	ONLY clients enrolled in the OA-HIPP program
	Payment of Part D Insurance Premiums	ONLY clients enrolled in the Medicare Part D premium payment program

- **A.J. Boggs**

The A.J. Boggs system will be the central hub for ADAP enrollment and eligibility. Enrollment Workers will be able to complete electronic applications with the client to enroll the client in ADAP’s medication assistance program and the OA-HIPP program or the Medicare Part D premium payment program. An A.J. Boggs representative will be on the ADAP Statewide Enrollment Worker Call on 06/01/2016. A.J. Boggs will provide system training for ADAP enrollment workers on June 16, 2016, in the morning and June 21, 2016, in the afternoon via a 2 ½ hour live webinar on each day. A.J. Boggs will send an email to all ADAP enrollment workers on June 7, 2016 regarding registration for the training. Enrollment Workers will have the opportunity to log-in to the enrollment system and preview the basic application and messaging functionality and the resource library. Starting June 20, 2016, the A.J. Boggs Customer Service Representatives can be reached at 844-550-3944.

- **Magellan Rx Management**

Magellan Rx Management is replacing Ramsell Corp. Clients’ program ID number (their PMDC number) will stay the same. Clients’ Ramsell PMDC Prescription Benefit Card will be deactivated effective July 1, 2016. Clients will receive a new prescription benefit card from Magellan Rx by June 30, 2016. If clients do not present their prescription benefit cards at a pharmacy within the Magellan Rx network, they will still be able to access treatment. Magellan Rx has a large pharmacy network in California, with over 6,000 pharmacies and will contact each pharmacy to notify them of the change. A small number of clients will have to switch pharmacies. OA will contact such clients via phone and mail to

inform them of how to locate a new pharmacy. OA will also notify each client's enrollment worker.

- **Pool Administrators Incorporated (PAI)**

PAI will remit health insurance premium payments on behalf of clients enrolled in OA-HIPP and Medicare Part D premium payment programs. If the health insurance plan permits, PAI will send the payments electronically.

For OA-HIPP clients, PAI will also pay outpatient medical out of pocket costs, up to the insurance plan's annual maximum amount. OA-HIPP clients will receive a letter from PAI by the end of June that will include a client ID card. The letter will also provide detailed instructions regarding how the client can use the card to access medical out of pocket cost benefits that will start July 1, 2016. A separate management memo will be issued to enrollment workers to explain the new medical benefits component of OA-HIPP. The memo will include a copy of the client letter.

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

RW Part B: HIV Care Program (HCP) & Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

HCP and MAI contractors were required to submit a Year-End Progress Report for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, by May 16, 2016. OA staff are currently reviewing the progress reports and individual contractors will be contacted should there be a need for more information or clarification. OA appreciates the work of contractors and their staff with completing the reports and meeting the deadline.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

On April 27, 2016, the HOPWA Program released its application and program guidance for Funding Year 2016-17 to HOPWA Contractors. The guidance included formulaic allocation amounts, budget instructions, and budget forms. The budget forms were due to OA on May 25, 2016.

AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP)

Through June 16, 2016, the "2017–2021 AIDS Waiver Renewal Application" is available for public review and comment. The application is posted on the MCWP webpage at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/tOAMCWPsp.aspx. The term of the renewal application is January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2021, and is due to Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services by September 30, 2016. MCWP provides services designed to allow eligible people with AIDS to remain in their homes, stabilize their health, improve their quality of life and avoid costly institutional care. A summary of

changes to the Waiver Renewal Application can be found in the Application Companion Guide Memorandum, which is available on the MCWP webpage at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Documents/AIDSMCWPAppCompanionGuide.pdf.

HIV Prevention

Contract documents are being finalized to establish the new Syringe Exchange Supply Clearinghouse, which will provide a baseline level of supplies to California Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs) in order to enhance the health and wellness of people who inject drugs and increase the organizational stability of California SEPs. Funds for the program supplies are ongoing and total \$2,882,000 annually. All authorized California SEPs will be eligible to apply, and will provide input into the final supply catalog that will be made available to programs. In order to receive supplies, SEPs will be required at a minimum to provide syringes and other harm reduction supplies, collect sharps waste, provide referrals to drug treatment, HIV and HCV services, and collect and report data about their services. Details on how SEPs can apply will be available by June 20th on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OARFAListings.aspx.

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