

FREE or low-cost pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent getting HIV is available to all residents of LA County!

The following information provides an overview of how to access PrEP.

Did you know?

Taken as prescribed, PrEP can reduce the chance of getting HIV by up to 99%.

If You Have Insurance



Medi-Cal

- PrEP and all related medical services are 100% covered as preventive services.
- Services should be billed directly to Medi-Cal, not the patient's managed care plan.
- **Who is eligible?**
 - Covers LA County residents whose income is at or below 138% Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
 - Undocumented individuals between the ages of 19-25 years qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal (SB 75).



Medicare

- PrEP is covered by Medicare with very low co-pays.
- Financial assistance through the California State PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP) is available should individuals reach the coverage gap limit of \$4,430, commonly referred to as the "donut hole."
- **Who is eligible?**
 - Individuals 65 years old and older.
 - Individuals under 65, have a disability, and have received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) for 24 months.



Private Insurance Purchased on The Health Exchange (Covered California)

- Covers the costs of medication and related medical services at no cost to the patient.
- Prior authorization may be required but must be expedited so patients can access it quickly.
- To get started with applying for Covered CA: www.coveredca.com
 - Open enrollment is usually in the Fall.
 - Enroll for Covered CA at any time if you meet one of the following qualifying life events: www.coveredca.com/support/before-you-buy/qualifying-life-events/
- **Who is eligible?**
 - People who are legal U.S. residents, permanent or temporary.
 - People who have amnesty visas (due to fleeing persecution).
 - People who have a worker or student VISA.
 - Income must be between the range of 138% - 400% FPL.
 - o Consultation with a certified Covered CA Certified Insurance Agent is encouraged.



Private Insurance Through Work or Employment

- Most major insurance providers cover the costs of medication and related medical services at no cost to patients. Prior authorization is not needed.
- **Who is eligible?**
 - Individuals who are insured through their employer.

If You Are Uninsured or Underinsured (insurance does not provide enough coverage for PrEP)

For people who do not have insurance or are underinsured, a PrEP Navigator at one of several LA County PrEP Centers of Excellence can help you find a free or low-cost provider and enroll you in Medi-Cal or one of the Patient Assistance Programs described below.

Locations are listed here: www.GetPrEPLA.com/centers-of-excellence/

PrEP Patient Assistance Programs

Financial Coverage for Medical Visits and Laboratory Tests

California PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)

- **To enroll**, visit a PrEP-AP enrollment site with an eligibility worker. Locations can be found here: bit.ly/3xklm0E
- **Who is eligible?**
 - People who are uninsured, but there are two exceptions:
 - Patients who have insurance through their parents or spouse, but do not want to use that insurance (usually to protect their privacy) can use PrEP-AP to cover the costs of medication and related medical services at no cost to them.
 - Patients on Medicare who reach the coverage gap limit of \$4,430 are commonly referred to as the “donut hole.” PrEP-AP will cover the cost of medication until this resets.
 - Income must be under 500% FPL. Proof of income or income affidavits are required.
 - Must be a resident of California; legal U.S. residency is not required.
- For more information: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_adap_resources_prepAP.aspx

Financial Coverage for Cost of PrEP Medications (2 Options)

Manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs

- **People with insurance** that does not cover prescription medications can access PrEP through Manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs to help with the cost.
 - Gilead Patient Assistance Program – Covers the cost of oral PrEP (Truvada or Descovy)
 - ViiV Patient Assistance Program – Covers the cost of injectable PrEP (Apretude)
- **People with no insurance**, including undocumented persons, can access PrEP through Manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs to cover the cost of the prescription. Related medical services need to be covered by PrEP-AP.
- **Who is eligible?**

People whose income is at, or below, 500% FPL (will need proof of income or income affidavits)

 - Assistance from a PrEP Navigator is strongly encouraged.
- **Apply here:**
 - For Gilead: www.gileadadvancingaccess.com
 - For ViiV: www.viivconnect.com

Ready-Set-PrEP

- Ready-Set-PrEP only covers the costs of oral PrEP (Truvada or Descovy)
- **People with no insurance**, including undocumented persons, can access PrEP through the “Ready-Set-PrEP” Program to cover the cost of the prescription. Individuals are financially responsible for related medical services. Related medical services need to be covered by PrEP-AP.
- **Who is eligible?**

People with no health insurance that covers prescription drugs.

 - Assistance from a PrEP Navigator is strongly encouraged
- **Apply here:** ReadySetPrEP.hiv.gov

