

For more information

If you would like additional information on HDAP, CHII, or any of the services available through the program, please call **617.502.1700 (toll free: 800.228.2714)** or visit <http://www.crine.org/hdap>.



HDAP/CHII is supported by funds from the U.S. Public Health Service/ Health Resources and Services Administration, the Office of HIV/AIDS of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the HIV/AIDS Services Division of the Boston Public Health Commission under Ryan White Part A, and is administered by Community Research Initiative of New England (CRI).

HDAP

toll free: 800.228.2714 fax: 617.502.1703

www.crine.org



COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE *of New England*

CRI also conducts HIV and hepatitis C clinical trials.

For more information, contact:

Community Research Initiative of New England

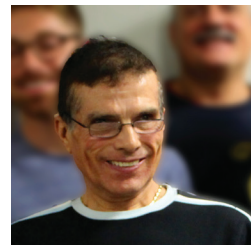
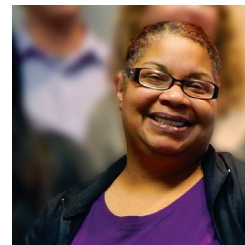
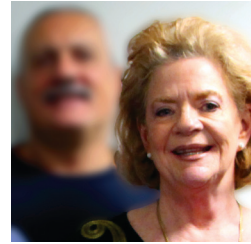
38 Chauncy Street, Ste. 500 | Boston, MA | 02111

tel: 617.502.1700 toll free: 888.253.2712

info@crine.org www.crine.org



Massachusetts HIV Drug Assistance Program



“HDAP gives me peace of mind.
Because I can access the HIV meds I need,
I have one less thing to worry about when it
comes to keeping myself healthy.”

-Shirley

If you are HIV-positive, you need the newest and best HIV/AIDS drugs and treatments to stay healthy, even if you cannot pay.

If you are HIV-positive and live in Massachusetts, the HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP) may be able to help you pay for your medications and health insurance. HDAP is a program designed to help those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of their HIV-related drugs. Managed by Community Research Initiative of New England (CRI), HDAP is a program of the Office of HIV/AIDS of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and is funded through the federal and state governments.

What drugs are covered

HDAP covers most FDA-approved medications. The list of covered drugs is similar to the list of drugs covered by Medicaid (MassHealth). Some exclusions apply. Visit <http://www.crine.org/hdap> for details.

Comprehensive Health Insurance Initiative (CHII)

The Comprehensive Health Insurance Initiative (CHII) is an HDAP program that can assist with paying the cost of your health insurance premium and drug co-payments. The CHII program helps people who do not have health insurance or who already have insurance but can no longer afford to pay for it.

CHII can help with the following:

- ▶ Private health insurance premiums
- ▶ Insurance premiums through the Massachusetts Health Connector
- ▶ MassHealth premiums
- ▶ Medicare Part D premiums
- ▶ COBRA premiums
- ▶ Employee premium deduction

Who is eligible for HDAP/CHII

You can enroll in HDAP/CHII if you:

- ▶ are HIV positive;
- ▶ live in Massachusetts; and
- ▶ meet income guidelines (with a gross annual income of less than 500% of the federal poverty level – approximately \$58,000)

There are no age restrictions. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to enroll in HDAP.

How to enroll

To enroll in HDAP, you need to fill out an application and submit it with proof that you live in Massachusetts and proof of your current income. You will also need to submit an application to MassHealth or other insurance programs to see if you are eligible in order to enroll in HDAP. If you have a case manager, they can help you complete the applications.

Once you are enrolled in HDAP, you will need to recertify your information every six months to stay active in the program.

For an HDAP/CHII application, please call 800.228.2714, or go to <http://crine.org/hdap/hdap-chii-forms>.

All information submitted as part of your HDAP application is kept strictly confidential.

Other services

HDAP provides other services that can help people affected by HIV. These include:

The HIV Drug Resistance Assay Program provides reimbursement to healthcare sites for the cost of viral resistance testing for their uninsured HIV-positive patients. This program is an important tool to measure whether a person's virus is resistant to antiviral medications.

The Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Program (nPEP) provides a type of drug therapy designed to reduce the possibility of infection with the virus after a known high-risk exposure has occurred. This service covers the cost of immediate HIV treatment for individuals who are HIV-negative but who may have been exposed to HIV through a non-work-related exposure and who have no health insurance.

For more information on the HIV Drug Resistance Assay and nPEP programs, please call 617.502.1700.



Do you need help navigating the complicated health insurance system?

Are you confused by different health insurance coverage options?

With the rollout of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the need for clear and concise information on available insurance plans, their subsidies and tax credits, and coverage restrictions is more crucial than ever. Community Research Initiative's HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP) has developed a resource team to provide enrollment guidance, and outreach and training on health insurance and benefits programs.

The HDAP Insurance/Benefits Resource Team works with case managers, community resource specialists, and HIV healthcare consumers and providers to help them better understand health insurance, health-related benefits, and entitlement programs, with the goal of enrolling and retaining clients in comprehensive healthcare coverage.

Team members are also available to provide individualized assistance to HDAP clients on insurance issues.

To schedule a training or for more information on the Insurance/Benefits Resource Team, contact George Hastie, MPH, HDAP's Insurance/Benefits Resource Team Project Manager, at 617.502.1747 or ghastie@crine.org.

Community Research Initiative's HDAP Insurance/Benefits Resource Team addresses three objectives:

1. To assist Massachusetts residents living with HIV in accessing available health coverage programs, with an overall goal of preventing gaps in coverage and reducing reliance on more expensive systems of care.
2. To assist case managers at healthcare sites in helping their patients negotiate and access comprehensive health insurance coverage and programs, with an overall goal of increasing providers' knowledge and familiarity with available coverage options.
3. To reduce the turnaround time of submitted HDAP applications through the referral of general insurance-related requests for assistance to specialized staff.

For more information

Please call **617.502.1700 (toll free: 800.228.2714)**
or fax: 617.502.1703 or visit www.crine.org/hdap



HDAP/CHII is supported by funds from the U.S. Public Health Service/ Health Resources and Services Administration, the Office of HIV/AIDS of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the HIV/AIDS Services Division of the Boston Public Health Commission under Ryan White Part A, and is administered by Community Research Initiative of New England (CRI).

HDAP

toll free: 800.228.2714 fax: 617.502.1703

www.crine.org



COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE
of New England

CRI also conducts HIV and hepatitis C clinical trials.

For more information, contact:

Community Research Initiative of New England

38 Chauncy Street, Ste. 500 | Boston, MA | 02111

tel: 617.502.1700 toll free: 888.253.2712

info@crine.org www.crine.org