

PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP) FOR HIV IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS IN MA: *How to Assist Patients in Accessing PrEP*

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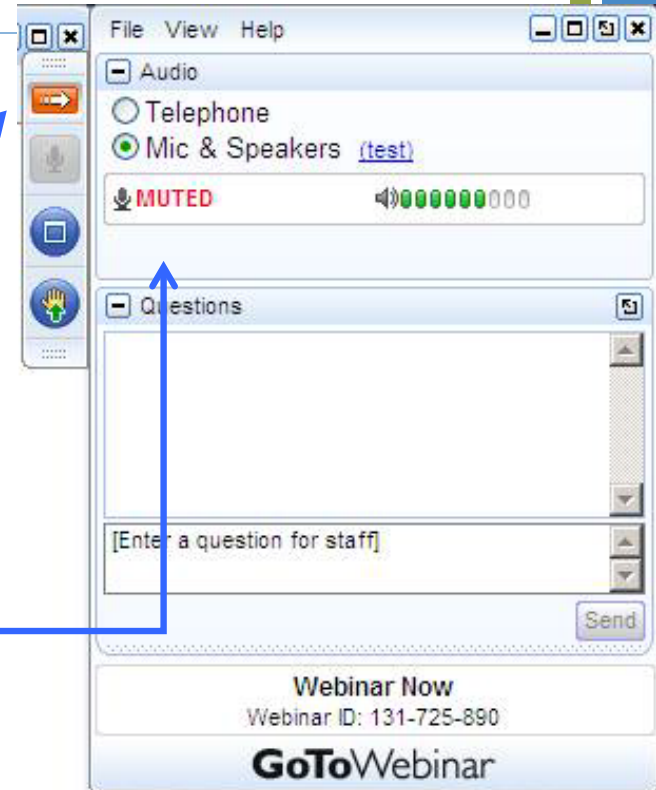
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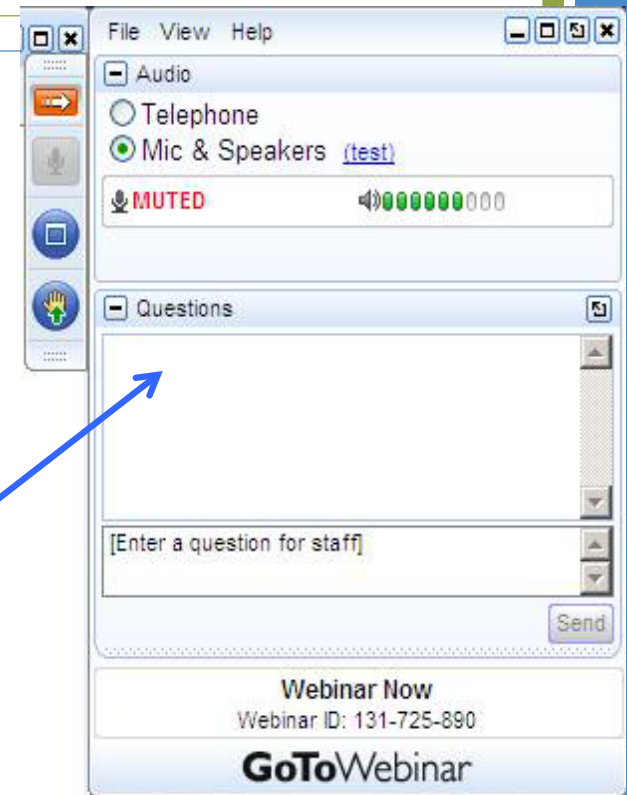


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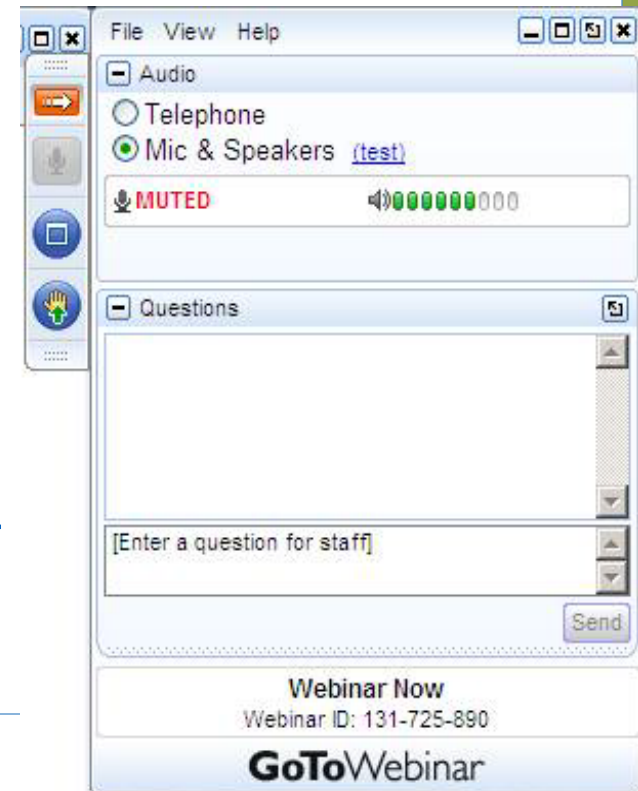
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Overview

- Why PrEP is important
- MA PrEP Data
- Who could benefit from PrEP?
- Cost of PrEP
- Paying for PrEP
- Resources
- Questions



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What is PrEP?

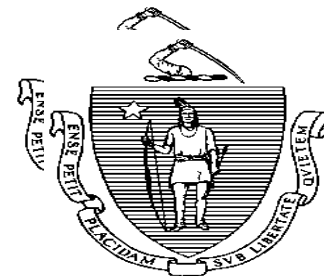
- PrEP is a once daily medication to prevent HIV
 - Truvada (emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or F/TDF) approved as PrEP by the FDA in July 2012
 - Descovy (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide fumarate or F/TAF) approved as PrEP by the FDA in October 2019
- Daily PrEP use has been shown to reduce the risk of getting HIV by over 99%

Why PrEP is Important

- 38,000+ new HIV diagnoses in the U.S. annually
- The “Ending the Epidemic” plan aims to reduce HIV infections through many means, including PrEP
 - 1.1 million people in the US would benefit
 - 135,000 prescriptions have been filled since 2012



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Massachusetts PrEP data

- Massachusetts' year-on-year growth in the number of PrEP users between 2017 and 2018 increased by 34.7% to 5,124 users
- PrEP uptake can be measured by the PrEP-to-need ratio, which compares the number of PrEP users to the number of individuals diagnosed with HIV
- Massachusetts retains the second-highest PrEP-to-need ratio in the nation for 2017 (6.29) behind Washington (7.86)

MA Integrated Prevention & Care Plan

- In 2016, MDPH released the *Massachusetts Integrated Prevention & Care Plan for HIV/AIDS Services in the Commonwealth: 2017-2021*
- By 2021: Reduce newly diagnosed HIV infections among MSM by 30%
- Major strategy to increase PrEP utilization



Program & Policy Response

- Support for PrEP in integrated infectious disease prevention & care funded contracts since 2017 (e.g. HIV testing, PrEP navigation support, PrEP adherence support, and social media activities)
- The “Care That Fits You” campaign, which emphasizes PrEP in the context of MSM health
- MDPH capacity building support for PrEP as a part of HIV risk reduction for high risk populations



Who Would Benefit From PrEP?

PrEP is used by HIV-negative people at high risk of getting HIV. It is an especially helpful tool for:

- Men who have sex with other men
- Transgender women who have sex with men
- People who are in an ongoing sexual relationship with someone who is HIV-positive

PrEP is also beneficial when there are other factors that suggest high risk, such as:

- Having sex for money, drugs, housing, or other things people need
- Sharing injection equipment for drugs or hormones
- Having recent STDs, especially syphilis or rectal gonorrhea/chlamydia



Costs

- The cost of Truvada or Descovy is ~\$2,000/month
- Insurance covers medication costs
- Out-of-pocket costs such as co-pays and deductibles still apply
- There are ways to help
 - patients who are uninsured
 - insured patients with out-of-pocket costs



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Paying for PrEP: *Ready, Set, PrEP*

- Part of the President's Ending the Epidemic plan
- Covers cost of Truvada or Descovy as PrEP
- Individual must lack health insurance coverage to be eligible
- Walgreens, Rite-Aid, CVS, and some other pharmacies will participate
- www.GetYourPrEP.com or 855-447-8410



Paying for PrEP: *Gilead Copay Card*

- Will cover up to \$7,200/year in copay costs
- Individual must be 18 or older and commercially insured
- Individual cannot have any form of government prescription drug coverage such as MassHealth, HSN, Medicare, VA, or Tricare
- Easy to activate and accepted at most pharmacies
- Will not work for F/TDF (Truvada or generic) once generic is available (expected September 2020)
- www.gileadadvancingaccess.com



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Paying for PrEP: *MA PrEPDAP*

- Uninsured and insured MA residents
- Covers cost of PrEP including copays & deductibles
- Income limit: 500% FPL (\$63,800 in 2020)
- Benefits navigation / enrollment assistance available
 - MassHealth/HSN
 - Health Connector
 - Medicare



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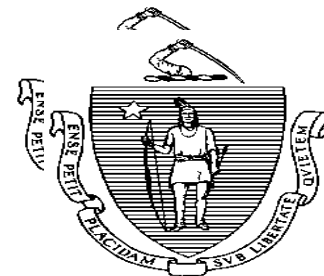


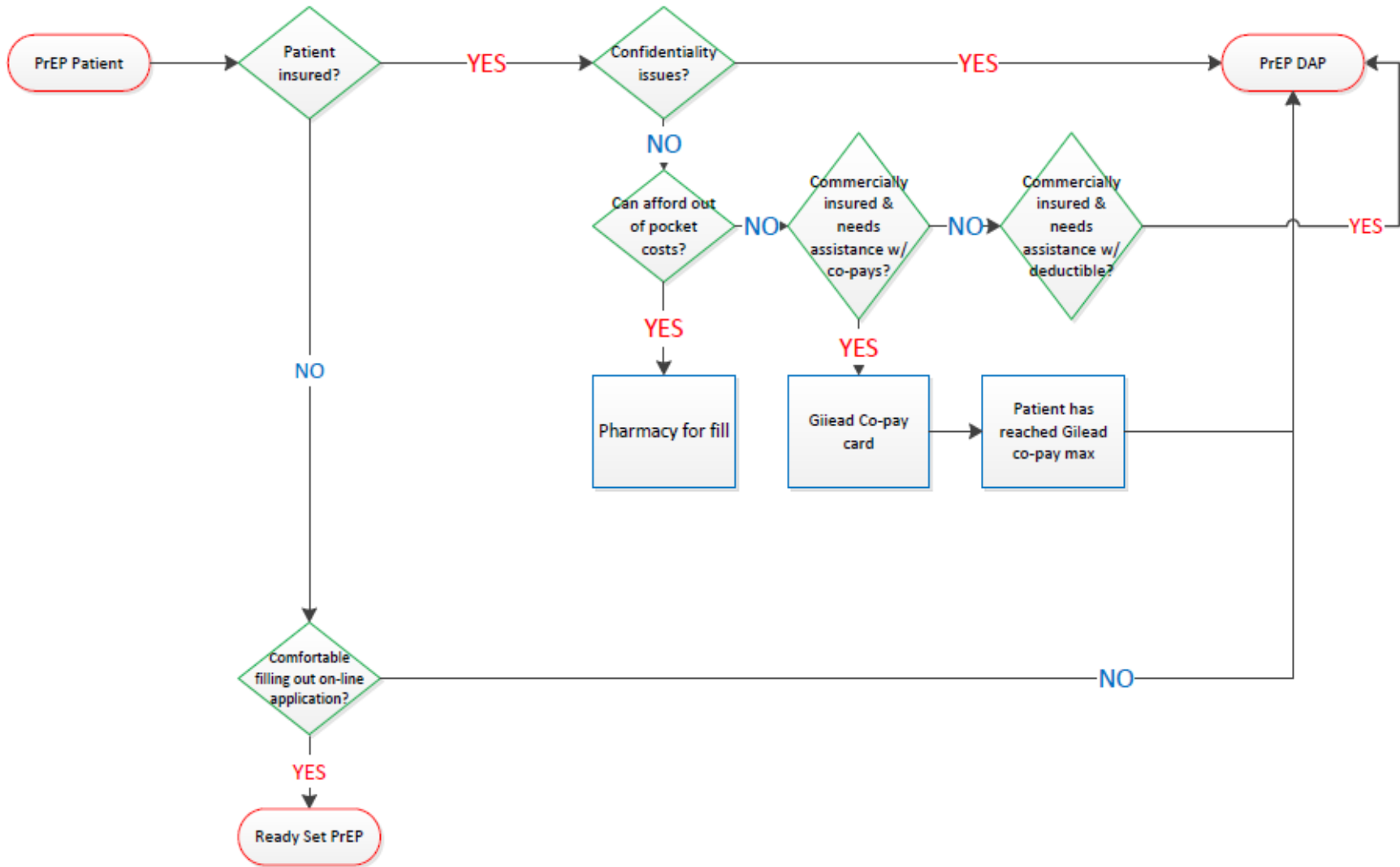
Paying for PrEP: *MA PrEPDAP*

- Seamless access to PrEP through insurance coverage transitions
- Case-by-case coverage of individuals with health insurance confidentiality concerns
- In rare instances, some eligibility requirements for PrEPDAP coverage may be waived for individuals at high risk for HIV
- www.crine.org/prepdap or
617-502-1737 or 617-502-1767 (until 6pm)



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PrEPDAP Training

- On-site training to PrEP navigators, case managers, financial benefits staff, other providers, peer advocates and consumers
- Individual assistance and troubleshooting to clients, PrEP navigators, and providers over the phone
- Can be combined with clinical trainings through NEAETC (CMEs/CEUs/social work credits available)



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Resources

New England AIDS Education & Training Center

For more information or to schedule a training contact:

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www.neaetc.org



Resources

- CDC PrEP Resources
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/prep/>
- AIDS.gov PrEP Resources
 - <https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/prevention/reduce-your-risk/pre-exposure-prophylaxis/>
- MDPH PrEP Resources
 - <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/id/hiv-aids/pre-exposure-prophylaxis-prep.html>



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Resources

- Billing codes
 - NYC Dept. of Health
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/csi/csi-prep-billing-codes.pdf>
- Gilead patient assistance programs
 - www.gileadadvancingaccess.com
- Patient Advocate Foundation
 - <https://www.copays.org/diseases/hiv-aids-and-prevention>

Questions?

