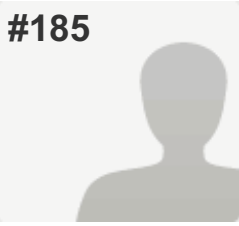


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Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)

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Q2: Title of your recommendation

Ensuring that primary prevention requirements of all Medicaid Managed Care plans include ARV treatment

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

In light of the results of the HPTN 052 study showing that initiating antiretroviral treatment reduces transmission of HIV, all primary prevention requirements of Medicaid Managed Care plans should explicitly include ART. For example, Section 10.34(d)(i) of the Model Contract on the Medicaid website addresses the requirements of all Medicaid Managed Care plans to promote HIV prevention to all enrollees. It states, "Primary prevention also includes strategies to help prevent infected Enrollees from transmitting HIV infection, i.e., behavior counseling with an HIV infected Enrollee to reduce risky sexual behavior or providing antiviral therapy to a pregnant, HIV infected female to prevent transmission of HIV infection to a newborn." The contract should also include, "communicating that being on antiviral therapy has been shown to decrease transmission of HIV infection to others." Also, other areas of the contract that address primary transmission should include ART to prevent transmission. This brings prevention requirements in line with current treatment guidelines.

Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)

Linking and retaining persons diagnosed with HIV to health care and getting them on anti-HIV therapy to maximize HIV virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission

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Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply)

Prevention Committee: Develop recommendations for ensuring the effective implementation of biomedical advances in the prevention of HIV, (such as the use of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)); for ensuring access for those most in need to keep them negative; and for expansion of syringe exchange, expanded partner services, and streamlined HIV testing by further implementing the universal offer of HIV testing in primary care, among others. The Committee will focus on continuing innovative and comprehensive prevention and harm reduction services targeted at key high risk populations, as well as grant-funded services that engage in both secondary and primary prevention.

Care Committee: Develop recommendations to support access to care and treatment in order to maximize the rate of HIV viral suppression. The Committee will promote linkages and retention in care to achieve viral suppression and promote the highest quality of life while significantly decreasing the risks of HIV transmission. Recommendations will also ensure a person centered approach is taken and that access to culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention and health care services is available.

Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?

Change to existing policy

Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?

Permitted under current law

Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?

Within the next year

Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?

Updating the definition of primary prevention educates the managed care companies (especially the non-HIV Special Needs Plans) that there are multiple ways to prevent HIV transmission. In addition, providers working in these plans can enhance adherence messages to include reduction of transmission in support of efforts to end the epidemic.

Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?

Respondent skipped this question

Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?

Patients, whose care is being managed by organizations that are responsible for promoting HIV prevention. There are many ways to promote HIV prevention, and treatment with ARVs is an important one.

Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following

Other (please specify)
Specialist HIV pharmaceutical company