

HIV PrEP Patient Assistance

For Patients Without Insurance

- *Gilead's Medication Assistance Program*

The Gilead Medication Assistance Program provides assistance to uninfected individuals in the United States who do not have insurance or who need financial assistance to pay for Truvada® for PrEP. To learn about eligibility, call 1-855-330-5479 Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). Download the enrollment form at http://start.truvada.com/Content/pdf/Medication_Assistance_Program.pdf.

Once the patient is approved for enrollment in the program, Gilead's specialty pharmacy will contact the prescribing clinician, confirm the prescription information, and mail 30 days of Truvada® to the prescribing clinician or the patient. Typically, the enrollment period is six months unless circumstances change (e.g., the patient gets new health insurance). The specialty pharmacy will contact the patient's clinician each month to confirm that a 30-day supply should be refilled. Before the 6-month initial enrollment period ends, a re-enrollment application will be faxed to the clinician.

- *Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) Program*

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) Program is designed to help uninsured Americans get the prescription medicines they need at no or low cost. Patients can find out if they are eligible by calling 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or visiting the PPA Web site at <http://www.pparx.org>.

For Patients with Insurance

- *The Gilead Co-pay Coupon Card*

The Gilead Co-pay Coupon Card can help eligible uninfected individuals save on a Truvada® for PrEP co-pay. For more information, visit <http://www.GileadCoPay.com> or call 1-877-505-6986.

Patient Advocate Foundation's (PAF) Co-Pay Relief, non-profit organization, provides assistance to insured patient's only; family income below 400%FPL; <https://www.copays.org/diseases/hiv-aids-and-prevention>

- PAF launched the *HIV, AIDS & Prevention CareLine*, call (800) 532-5274 or by **web**, seeks to connect patients with individualized, case management services free of charge to help with navigating system, coverage options, insurance denials, etc. Online at <https://hivoraids.pafcareline.org/>

Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)

The PAN Foundation offers assistance to people with chronic or life-threatening illnesses for whom cost limits access to critical medical treatments. Eligibility criteria include: (1) Patient should be insured and insurance must cover the medication for which patient seeks assistance; (2) Patient needs to be HIV positive, or be HIV-uninfected and at high risk of acquiring HIV, or be HIV-uninfected and have been exposed to bodily fluids potentially containing HIV within the last 72 hours; (3) Patient must reside and receive treatment in the United States; and (4) Patient's income must fall below 500% of the Federal Poverty Level. For additional information, please visit <http://www.panfoundation.org/hiv-treatment-and-prevention>.

- For additional co-pay resources, please see <https://www.copays.org/>

¹Gilead Sciences, Inc. (2014). Helping patients save. Retrieved from <http://start.truvada.com/hcp/truvadaprep-copay>



GETTING PrEPped

Some people may face problems with their insurance covering the costs of Truvada for PrEP. This infographic provides details that may be useful to you. For help with troubleshooting, join **PrEP Facts on Facebook:** facebook.com/groups/PrEPFacts/.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT PrEP

- projectinform.org/prep
- prepfacts.org
- myprepxperience.org
- hiveonline.org
- thewellproject.org/hiv-information/prep-women
- whatisprep.org
- pleaseprepme.org (CA)

CHECK YOUR INSURANCE PLAN

Your costs
It's wise to check your insurance plan ahead of time to see what you may have to pay out of pocket while on PrEP.

- Find what your deductible is.
- Find what drug tier that Truvada is on.
- Figure out your total costs for medical visits, routine blood work, and the prescription.
- Ask for help from doctor's office, pharmacist, local case manager, or insurance plan rep.
- Avoid Bronze plans if you can (they generally have higher costs). Silver, Gold and Platinum plans offer better coverage if you can afford them.

FIND A MEDICAL PROVIDER WHO SUPPORTS YOUR DECISION TO PrEP

Schedule an appointment
Approach your medical provider about Truvada for PrEP prescription.

- If s/he will prescribe, GREAT NEWS!
- If s/he doesn't know about PrEP but is willing to prescribe:
 - 1) S/he can consult the US PHS's prescribing guidelines: *Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection* (www.cdc.gov/hiv/prevention/research/prevp/), and/or
 - 2) Take a copy of the guidelines with you, and/or
 - 3) S/he can consult the CCC's PrEPLine at 855-448-7737 during business hours (<http://tinyurl.com/CCCprepline>), and/or
 - 4) S/he can consult NASTAD's *Billing Coding Guide for HIV Prevention* (<http://tinyurl.com/NASTADguide>).
- If s/he isn't willing to prescribe:
 - 1) Read/utilize these resource materials:
 - "Talk to Your Doctor": <http://tinyurl.com/CDPrEPbrochure>
 - Project Inform's "Working through a Difficult Doctor Visit": <http://tinyurl.com/PrEPdocvisit>
 - 2) Ask for a referral, or find another provider on your own:
 - your insurance plan's provider directory
 - public/STD clinics; local, county and state health dept searches: greaterthan.org/get-prep/, aahivm.org, accessprep.org, glma.org, hivma.org
 - CA: pleaseprepme.org. IL: tinyurl.com/ILPrEPdocs. NY: tinyurl.com/NYPrEPdocs. OH: ohioprep.org/get-prep/. OR: tinyurl.com/ORPrEPdocs. WA: tinyurl.com/WAPrEPdocs.

MEDICAL VISITS, BLOOD WORK

If you encounter uncovered costs related to your medical visits and/or blood work, these options may help:

Public health clinics

- Some public health clinics offer sliding fee scale for medical visits and blood work.

FSAs

- FSAs (Flexible Spending Accounts) are accounts set up with pre-tax dollars to help pay for out-of-pocket health care costs.
- FSAs have an annual limit of \$2,550, available through employers if offered.
- Enrollment is usually annual, so plan ahead.

GET YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Prior authorizations
Some insurance plans require a prior authorization (PA) for Truvada for PrEP.

- This is a normal process.
- May need extra paperwork.
- Your provider can use the codes found on p29 at www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/PrEPProviderSupplement2014.pdf.
- Re-submit paper work until the PA is approved.

Denials

- Make sure your provider has coded paper work correctly to insurance carrier. (Same URL as above.)
- Work with your provider's office to submit challenge(s). It may take more than once.

Nurx.co/rep

- This online source may be able to provide a prescription without a doctor's visit.

PICK UP PRESCRIPTION

Pharmacy refills
Plans vary in what they offer. Your plan may:

- Vary in how you get meds (at pharmacy, mail order).
- Provide only 30-day refills
- Offer 90-day refills
- Make you initiate the monthly refill
- Have an auto-send function for refills
- Offer refills earlier than waiting 30 days

ALSO:

- In-network pharmacies will reduce your cost.
- Apply for Gilead's Co-Pay Card **before** going to pharmacy (URL next column).
- If pharmacy doesn't accept Co-Pay Card, keep pharmacy and sales receipts. Call the number on back of co-pay card. Submit paperwork for payment.

PAY FOR THE MEDICATION AND OTHER COSTS

Manufacturer assistance
www.gileadadvancingaccess.com, 800-226-2056 (18 years old or older)

Co-Pay Assistance

- covers up to \$3,600 per calendar year, out-of-pocket costs
- for insured individuals, re-apply as needed
- not used w/ Medicaid, Medicare, VA or other federal/state programs

Medication Assistance

- uninsured, insurance declined payment, or no pharmacy benefits
- US resident (SSN not required) and family income <500% FPL (federal poverty level, <http://tinyurl.com/FPLincome>)
- eligibility confirmed every 6 months by provider, re-apply as needed

Patient Advocate Foundation

- Insured individuals only; family income below 400% FPL
- \$7,500 max per year for copay/deductible costs (\$5,000/yr until Jan 2017 for those who enrolled before Feb 2016), may reapply
- <https://www.copays.org/diseases/hiv-aids-and-prevention>

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- panfoundation.org/hiv-treatment-and-prevention, 866-316-7263

Other assistance for residents of:

- NEW YORK: <http://tinyurl.com/NYprepAP> (only cost of services)
- WASHINGTON: <http://tinyurl.com/WAprepDAP> (only cost of drug)

ARE YOU INSURED TO COVER YOUR COSTS FOR PrEP?



YES

NO

(employer, private, insurance marketplace, COBRA, Medicare, Medicaid)

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Gilead Advancing Access Co-pay Card
gileadcopay.com
877-505-6986

- \$3,600 max/calendar year
 - No income restrictions
 - Covers co-pays, deductibles and co-insurance
 - Re-apply if needed
 - Proof of US residence (utility bill, etc.)
 - Not used with state/federal plans, such as Medicare (apply to PAF or PAN Foundation).
- If the pharmacy doesn't accept Gilead's Co-pay Card, keep sales and pharmacy receipts. Call the number on the back of co-pay card. Submit paperwork for reimbursement for every refill.

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Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF)
<https://www.copays.org/diseases/hiv-aids-and-prevention>

- \$7,500 max/year for those enrolling after Feb 2016
- \$5,000 max/year (until Jan 2017) for those who enrolled before Feb 2016
- Family income <400% FPL, though takes cost of living into consideration for some people
- Based on taxable income (1040 line 7, 1040 E2 line 1)
- Must be insured
- Covers co-pays only
- Proof of US residence (utility bill, etc.)
- Case managers available to help resolve medical cost issues (800-532-5274)

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panfoundation.org/hiv-treatment-and-prevention
866-316-7263

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FSA (flexible spending account)
If employer offers an FSA, it can help cover up to \$2,550 of out-of-pocket costs.

On Medicaid?
Medicaid should cover medical costs related to PrEP. If you encounter barriers to coverage, consult a legal advocate.

U.S. RESIDENT?

What's the date?

NOV 1 – JAN 31

Enroll in Medicaid if eligible
www.medicaid.gov

Enroll in an insurance marketplace plan
www.healthcare.gov

Avoid Bronze plans if you can: they generally have higher costs. Silver plans will offer lower costs for people earning up to 250% FPL (\$29,425). Gold & Platinum plans offer better coverage if you can afford them. Carefully select the right plan for you.

Special enrollment
You can get marketplace insurance during the rest of the year for "qualifying life events" such as: pregnancy, loss or change of job, change in household size, change in income, recent move, change in citizenship.

FEB 1 – OCT 31

below 138% FPL / yr (< \$16,242)

above 138% FPL / yr (> \$16,242)

Check if you're eligible for your state Medicaid plan.

Household income?

below

Enroll in the Gilead MAP.
www.truvada.com/truvada-patient-assistance
~ only drug costs ~

500% FPL

(2015 FPL: \$11,880 single taxable income, 1040 tax form line 7, 1040 E2 line 1)
OTHER FAMILY SIZES: <http://tinyurl.com/FPLincome>

above

Retail cost of Truvada

To get care, find a public clinic (FQHC) that serves undocumented patients. (findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov)

Check if you can get an insurance plan through marketplace/employer.

IF NO

If you're a resident, these state plans may also help:
Washington State PrEP DAP: <http://tinyurl.com/WAprepDAP> (cost of drug)
New York PrEP-AP: <http://tinyurl.com/NYprepAP> (cost of services)

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PrEP Resources

Clinical Consultation Center for PrEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may contact the Clinical Consultation Center at (855) 448-7737 or (855) HIV-PrEP, Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST for expert consultation and assistance. Additional information is available at the Clinical Consultation Center website, http://nccc.ucsf.edu/clinician-consultation/prep-pre-exposure-prophylaxis/
AIDS.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed by the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), <i>Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)</i> webpage, https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/prevention/reduce-your-risk/pre-exposure-prophylaxis/
Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDC's <i>Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States—2014: A Clinical Practice Guide</i>, http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/guidelines/PrEPguidelines2014.pdf CDC's <i>Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in the United States—2014: A Clinical Providers' Supplement</i>, http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/guidelines/PrEPProviderSupplement2014.pdf National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (U.S.) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. Published date: November 24, 2015. Patient information in English at: http://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/35760; Patient information in Spanish at: http://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/35759 <i>New York State Guidance for the Use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to Prevent HIV Transmission—2014</i>, http://www.hivguidelines.org/clinical-guidelines/pre-exposure-prophylaxis/guidance-for-the-use-of-pre-exposure-prophylaxis-prep-to-prevent-hiv-transmission/ CDC Act Against AIDS Campaign: http://www.cdc.gov/actagainstaids/ PrEP Information sheet FAQ for patients (in English): http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/PrEP_GL_Patient_Factsheet_PrEP_English.pdf PrEP Information sheet FAQ for patients (in Spanish): http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/PrEP_GL_Patient_Factsheet_PrEP_spanish.pdf
North Florida & South Florida AIDS Education Training Center (SEAETC.org)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) and Occupational PEP (oPEP) resource tool: http://www.seaetc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/PrEPPEP-ReferenceCard-20160613.pdf For additional resources, visit North Florida AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) at: www.aetc.medicine.ufl.edu or Southeast AETC at: https://aidsetc.org/aetc-program/southeast-aetc
Food and Drug Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truvada® for PrEP Fact Sheet: http://www.fda.gov/downloads/NewsEvents/Newsroom/FactSheets/UCM312279.pdf http://www.fda.gov/downloads/NewsEvents/Newsroom/FactSheets/UCM312279.pdf

PrEP Resources (cont'd)

Gilead Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturer of Truvada[®], provides information regarding safe prescribing of Truvada[®] for PrEP including slide sets and a patient-provider contract for PrEP use located at: http://www.truvadapreprems.com/
NASTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Common Patient Assistance Program Application Form for HIV Medicine: Improved and Available, https://www.nastad.org/blog/common-patient-assistance-program-application-form-hiv-medicine-improved-and-available • Billing Coding Guide for HIV Prevention
PrEP REP Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resource for Patients: <i>What is PrEP?</i>: http://www.whatisprep.org/
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PrEP Facts: http://prepfacts.org/
Project Inform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Yourself Prepared for PrEP (in English/Spanish) http://www.projectinform.org/prep-chart/
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PrEP Information Page: http://aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/prevention/reduce-your-risk/pre-exposure-prophylaxis

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – *Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV in the United States—2014 A Clinical Providers’ Supplement*, <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/guidelines/PrEPProviderSupplement2014.pdf>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - *Preventing New Infections*, <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/guidelines/preventing.html>
- Florida/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center <http://www.FCAETC.org>
- “PrEP Facts,” San Francisco AIDS Foundation, www.PrepFacts.org
- American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC), <https://www.aapc.com>
- American Medical Assn (AMA), <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama>
- National Guidelines, from the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) www.ashm.org.au/pep-guidelines

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