

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HIV UNINSURED CARE PROGRAMS

ADAP - ADAP PLUS - ADAP PLUS INSURANCE CONTINUATION - HIV HOME CARE

PURPOSE: The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute has established four programs for HIV Uninsured Care (ADAP, ADAP Plus, ADAP Plus Insurance Continuation and the HIV Home Care Program). The mission of these programs is to provide access to medical services and medications for all New York State residents with HIV/AIDS. The programs' dual goals are: to empower the individual to seek, access and receive medical care and prescription drugs without cost; and to supply a stable and timely funding stream to health care providers, enabling them to use the revenues to develop program capacity to meet the needs of the uninsured HIV population.

BACKGROUND: The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) began in 1987 as part of a national program to provide free HIV/AIDS drugs to low-income individuals not covered by Medicaid or adequate third-party insurance. ADAP has grown tremendously in both enrollment and drug coverage. In November 1991, the HIV Home Care Program, modeled on ADAP, was implemented through a federal (HRSA) demonstration grant. ADAP Plus was designed in a unique partnership between New York City and New York State, and through cooperative funding was implemented statewide in October 1992. ADAP Plus Insurance Continuation (APIC) was begun in July 2000 to help individuals maintain their insurance coverage. All four programs are integrated and centrally administered, use a unified application form and coordinate outreach activities.

POPULATION SERVED: The programs serve HIV-infected New York State residents who are uninsured or under-insured and meet established residency, financial and medical criteria. The programs serve all populations affected by AIDS in New York State, with participant demographics changing over the years to reflect changes in the epidemic. As of 4/1/04 participant enrollment was: ADAP = 68,044 cumulative with 16,577 active clients; ADAP Plus = 56,741 cumulative with 14,669 active; Home Care = 4,719 cumulative with an active caseload of 33; and APIC with a cumulative enrollment of 1,747 with 1,059 active.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Participants must meet the following criteria:

(1) Residency - New York State (U.S. citizenship is not required.)

(2) Medical -

ADAP, ADAP Plus and APIC

- HIV-infection (asymptomatics are eligible.)

Home Care

- AIDS or HIV illness and chronic medical dependency due to physical or cognitive impairment from HIV infection.

(3) Financial

- Income less than \$44,000/year for a household of one, \$59,200 for two, and \$74,400 for three or more, and
- Liquid Assets less than \$25,000

(4) Insurance Continuation

- Policy must be cost effective.
- Insurance coverage must be comprehensive.
- If the policy is work-related: premiums must be greater than 4% of income and the employer share must be greater than 50% of premium cost.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS - Applicants apply to the program, providing proof of residency, income and assets. A Medical Application from a physician is required, verifying HIV-infection and indicating the applicant's medical status. A treatment plan by a physician must also be submitted for Home Care applicants. A single application form can be used to enroll in ADAP, ADAP Plus and the Home Care Uninsured Program. Enrollment in the programs is coordinated for all eligible individuals. Upon determination of eligibility, a Medical Card is issued which may be used to receive care from an enrolled provider.

SERVICES: As of 4/1/04, the ADAP Formulary consists of more than 470 drugs, including: antiretroviral therapies; antineoplastics; prophylaxis and treatments for opportunistic infections; and medications for related conditions. ADAP Plus covers a full range of HIV Primary Care services, provided on an outpatient ambulatory basis including: annual comprehensive medical evaluation; clinical HIV disease monitoring; drug and immunotherapy administration; the treatment of both HIV related and non-HIV related illness; ambulatory surgery; nutrition and laboratory services. Services covered through the HIV Home Care Program include: skilled nursing; personal care; homemaker and home health aid services; intravenous administration and supplies; and durable medical equipment. Coverage of drugs and services is based on available funding, the changing clinical profile of the epidemic and the most recent clinical trials data. ADAP Plus Insurance Continuation pays health insurance premiums.

PROVIDERS: ADAP has enrolled 3,291 local pharmacies. ADAP Plus has enrolled 172 hospitals and clinics (362 service sites), 550 private physicians and 108 clinical laboratories. The HIV Home Care Program has enrolled 287 Home Health Agencies, Long Term Home Health Care Programs, Hospices and Licensed Home Care Service Agencies.

FUNDING: The programs are funded through a partnership between New York State and the HIV Planning Councils of the New York City, Long Island, the Lower Hudson, and Dutchess County Regions, using funds from Titles I and II of the federal Ryan White CARE Act. The Department of Health also uses funds from the New York State Health Care Reform Act for services and state funds to pay for a portion of the administration of the programs.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: An advisory Workgroup has been established to provide input, guidance and recommendations to the programs from a wide variety of perspectives. The Workgroup consists of a Steering Committee and a Clinical Subcommittee. The Steering Committee provides overall program and policy guidance and recommendations to the AIDS Institute. It consists of representatives of Title I Planning Councils, local and state government, health care providers, agencies and associations, the infected/affected population, as well as representatives from the Clinical Subcommittee. The Clinical Subcommittee advises and makes recommendations on clinical aspects of the programs, and includes persons living with AIDS/HIV, and clinicians with expertise in various specialties who are actively treating individuals with HIV/AIDS.

MEDICAID - Individuals enrolled in Medicaid are not eligible for the programs. Individuals awaiting Medicaid eligibility determination or having Medicaid Spenddown requirements are eligible. The programs can assist individuals to meet their Medicaid Spenddown requirements. The program interfaces with Medicaid to prevent duplication of enrollment and billing. The programs seek to identify individuals who are potentially eligible for Medicaid and encourage them to apply to Medicaid. Medicaid is the preferred medical coverage for individuals who meet their eligibility requirements, because of Medicaid's broader range of covered services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/APPLICATIONS:

Call toll-free: **1-800-542-2437** (in NYS)

or call **518-459-1641** (Out of State)

Or write: **EMPIRE STATION, P.O. BOX 2052, ALBANY, N.Y. 12220-0052**

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