

CMS Medicare PrEP Coverage Transition Key Messages

CMS will soon be releasing new guidance on how Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) will be covered by Medicare. Note that Medicare coverage is not changing for HIV treatment or Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). For more information about the plans visit CMS Medicare Website on PrEP: [PrEP | CMS](#).

This document provides key messages that may be useful for different audiences impacted by the expected changes. Please share these messages with impacted constituents through your organization's communication network.

How might CMS's PrEP coverage change impact you?

For PrEP Users

- Medicare will cover PrEP medications, visits, and laboratory services with no co-pays. For more information on what will be covered visit [PrEP | CMS](#).
- Medicare is changing how they cover PrEP and only certain pharmacies will be able to fill both LAI and oral PrEP.
- If you are currently taking PrEP and on Medicare the coverage change will immediately impact you. Instead of Medicare Part D covering your PrEP, now it will be covered through Medicare Part B will be and there will be no co-pays.
- People can access PrEP medications only from a pharmacy that is enrolled in Medicare Part B.
- What actions might you need to take?
 - Contact your pharmacy now to see if they will be able to provide PrEP. Please be aware that some pharmacies might not yet know if they will be able to provide PrEP after this change.
 - Make sure to have your Medicare card ("red, white, and blue card") with you when you visit your pharmacy, especially when dropping off a prescription for PrEP or picking up PrEP. Please be aware that your pharmacy may already have your prescription drug insurance on file, but they may not have your Medicare card ("red, white, and blue card") on file. The information from your Medicare card is needed to bill for PrEP after this change.
 - Encourage your PrEP prescriber to include a diagnosis code (ICD-10) on the prescription to make it easier and faster for the pharmacy to fill your prescription.
 - Your pharmacy team may need to confirm with you if you are using a medication for either HIV treatment or HIV PrEP in order to properly bill Medicare for these medications.

For PrEP Prescribers/Providers

- Medicare coverage for PrEP is changing from Part D to Part B. PrEP users will no longer have co-pays to access PrEP. People can access PrEP medications from any pharmacy that is enrolled in Medicare Part B. Medicare coverage for HIV treatment and post-exposure prophylaxis is not changing.
 - Encourage your PrEP users to contact their pharmacy now to verify the pharmacy will be able to provide PrEP.
 - Remind your PrEP users to bring their Medicare card ("red, white, and blue card") with identification number when they drop off or pick up their PrEP prescription.
 - For your PrEP users with Medicare, please include a diagnosis code on all HIV treatment, PEP, and PrEP prescriptions going forward so the pharmacy can properly bill Medicare.
 - Consider adding voluntary updates to your electronic prescribing systems that will prompt for a diagnosis code on such prescriptions. When diagnosis codes are not included on prescriptions, expect increased calls from pharmacies to confirm diagnosis codes.
 - CMS provides potential diagnoses and billing codes for PrEP [PrEP | CMS](#)
 - NASTAD's Guide may be a helpful resource: [NASTAD Billing Coding Guide for HIV Prevention](#)

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For Pharmacists

- Medicare coverage for PrEP is changing from Part D to Part B. PrEP users will no longer have co-pays to access PrEP when submitted through Part B.
- Medicare coverage for HIV treatment and post-exposure prophylaxis is not changing and will continue under Part D.
- Pharmacies must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to be reimbursed for supplying and dispensing PrEP.
- [Check to see if you're enrolled](#) by entering your pharmacy's NPI in the search bar. You need to be enrolled as a DMEPOS or Part B pharmacy supplier to bill PrEP. Even if you provide vaccines, you're **not** necessarily enrolled in Part B.
- If you plan to bill for PrEP, [enroll now as a Part B pharmacy](#). If you're enrolled in Part B with the provider type "mass immunization," you must still [enroll now](#) as provider type "pharmacy" to bill for PrEP for HIV drugs.
- Once your pharmacy is enrolled in Part B and ready to provide Medicare beneficiaries PrEP:
 - Make sure to get the patient's Medicare identification number ("red, white and blue card")
 - Each prescription will need to have the diagnosis code (ICD-10) included.
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 - NASTAD's Guide may be a helpful resource: [NASTAD Billing Coding Guide for HIV Prevention](#)
 - If a diagnosis code is missing, contact the prescriber to obtain it.
 - Make sure to bill PrEP to Part B to ensure proper reimbursement for medication dispensing.