

# Kentucky PrEP Referral and Resources

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# Objectives

Linkage to care to finding a provider

Specialty pharmacy

Access to care

Resources for clinicians

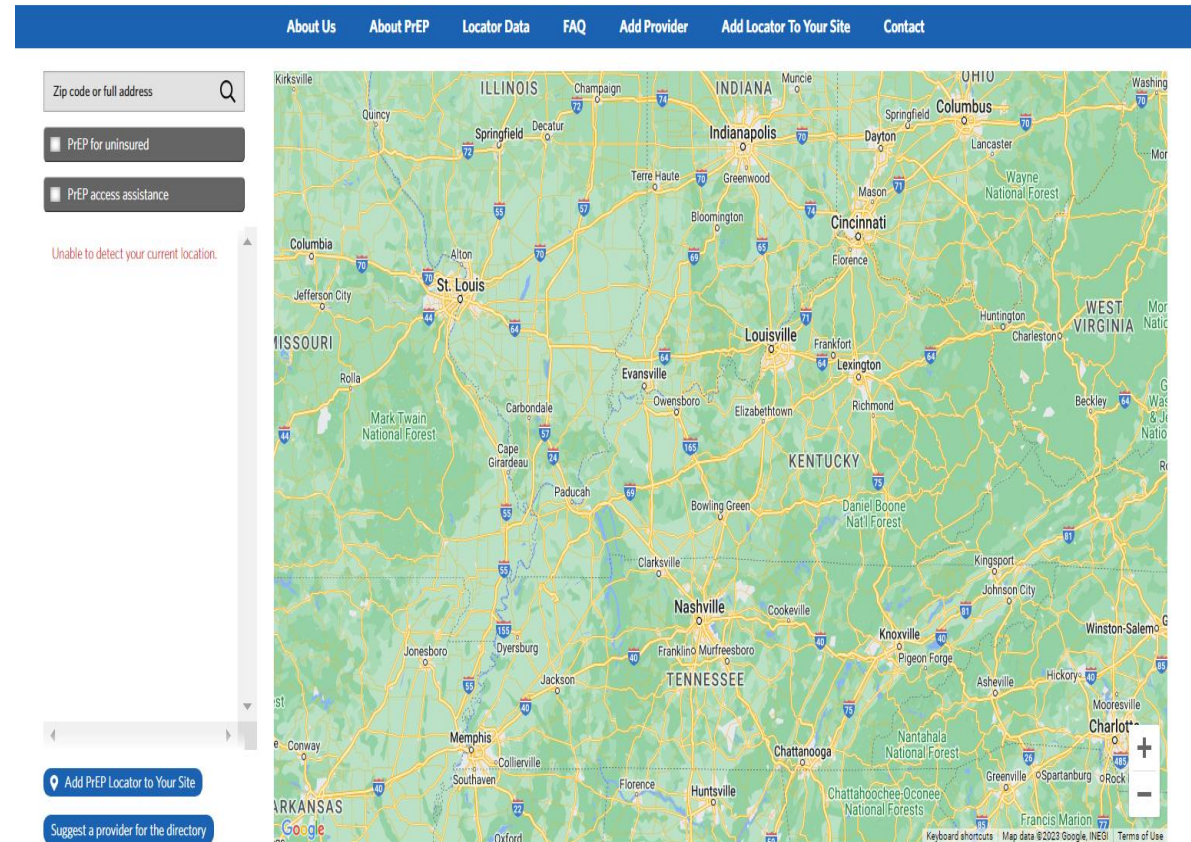
Resources for patients

# Linkage to Care – Finding a Provider

## PrEP Locator

- Search by zip or full address
  - PrEP for uninsured
  - PrEP access assistance
- To Add Provider to this
  - Top bar has tab to “add provider” or “add locator to your site”

PrEP Locator  Find Your Provider

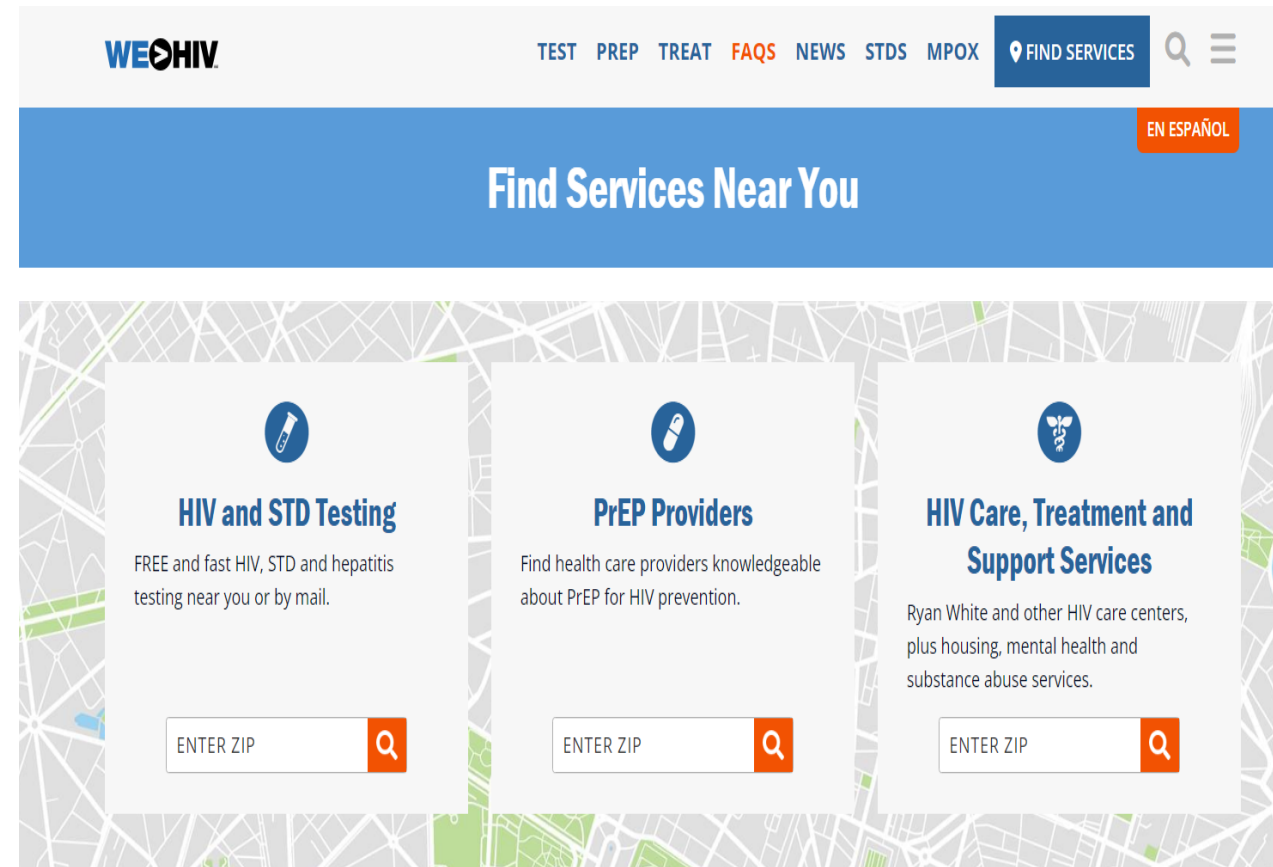


PrEP Locator: A national database for US PrEP providers

# Linkage to Care – Finding a Provider

## Greater Than HIV Services Locator

- Search by Zip Code --> the sites will then show if they offer the following
  - HIV testing
  - PrEP
  - PEP
  - Condoms
  - STI Testing and Treatment
  - Monkey Pox



[Find Testing, PrEP, & HIV Treatment Services - Greater Than HIV](#)

# Linkage to Care – Finding a Provider

## HIV.gov Care Services Locator

The screenshot displays the HIV.gov Care Services Locator interface. On the left, the HIV.gov logo is at the top. Below it, the text "Find HIV Services Near You." is followed by a "Find My Location" button. A note states: "Note: Your Browser will ask permission first." Below this, a horizontal line with "OR" in the center separates the location-based search from service-based filters. The filters include: HIV Testing (red icon), Self Testing (purple icon), STI Testing & Treatment (red icon with "STI"), Mail-In Self Test (blue icon with an envelope), and HIV PrEP (purple icon with "PrEP"). Below these filters is a search bar with a location pin icon and the text "Enter City, State or ZIP".

On the right, a map of Lexington, Kentucky, is shown. The map includes a search bar at the top with the text "Enter City, State or ZIP". Below the search bar, there are buttons for "Map" and "List". A filter bar shows "Showing (10) - Reset" and a checkbox for "Spanish Speaking (Español)". Below the filter bar, a list of services is displayed with icons and counts:

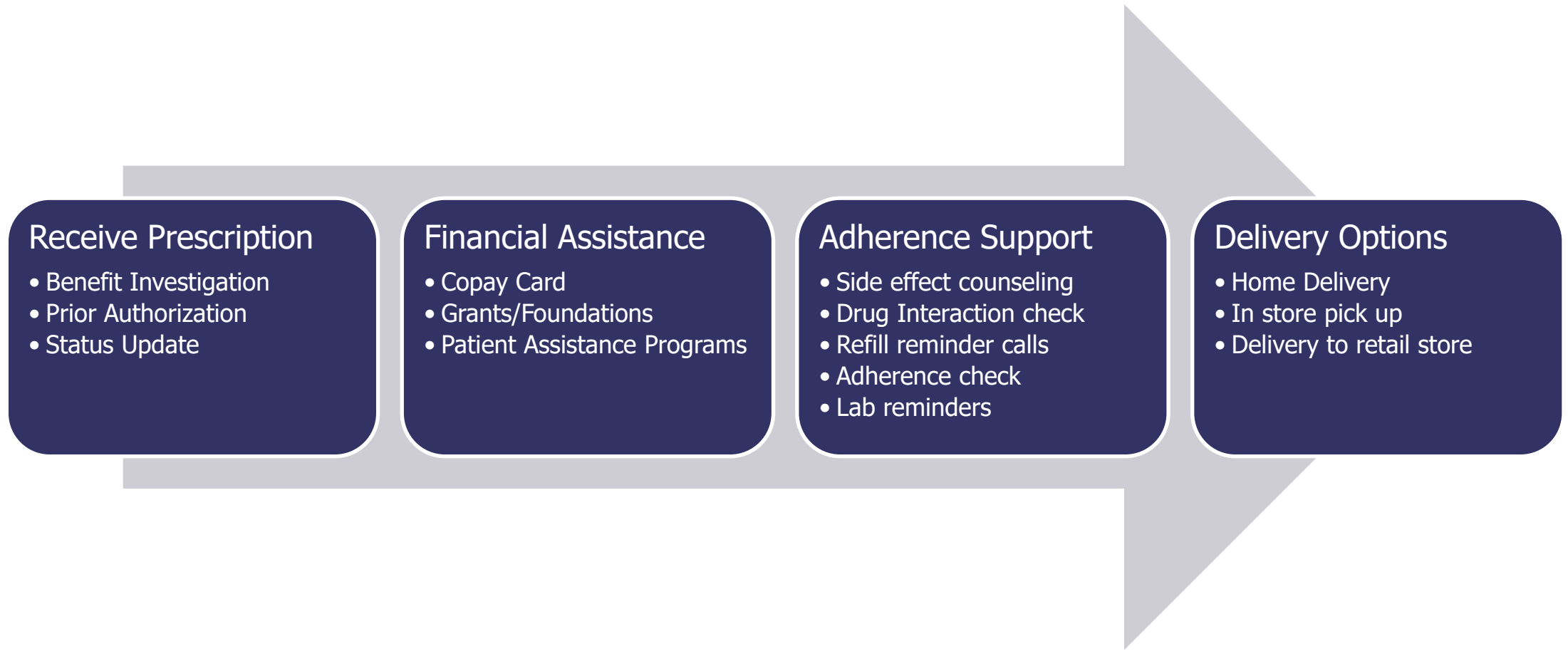
- HIV Testing / Prueba del VIH (13)
- Self Testing / Prueba en casa (0)
- Mail-In Self Test / Prueba en casa con envío por correo (2)
- STI Testing & Treatment / Pruebas y tratamiento para ETS (13)
- HIV PrEP (10)

The map shows the Lexington area with various landmarks and roads. A red pin is located in the center of the city, and a blue circle with the number 7 is also visible.

[HIV Testing Sites & Care Services Locator](#)

# Specialty Pharmacy Process

**Integrate traditional services with specialized access and high-quality patient care**



Will vary by pharmacy. This model reflects Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy Services.

# Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy



## Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy

- 532 S. 4th Street  
Louisville, KY 40202
- Phone: 502-434-3122
- Fax: 502-434-3123



## Community, A Walgreens Pharmacy

- 393 Waller Ave, Ste 5  
Lexington, KY 40504
- Phone: 859-551-4447
- Fax: 859-551-4448





# 550 Clinic Louisville – Ryan White Funded Program

## Medical Service

- Diagnosis and Treatment of HIV
- Rapid Start Program
- PrEP clinic
- On-site Pharmacy
- On-site nutrition assessment and support

## Community Resources

- Community Outreach
- Linkage to Care

## Support Service

- Referral to Medical and Mental Health Services
- Case Manager Assist with
  - Housing
  - Transportation
  - Food Resources
  - Help paying medical bills even those outside of 550 Clinic

## Patient Education

- Adherence Support
- Disease and Medication Education



# Access to Care- Kentucky Medicaid

## MedImpact Kentucky Formulary

- Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) - Truvada®
  - No PA needed for generic
- Descovy® - Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)
  - PA needed see criteria on next slide
- Apretude® - Cabotegravir
  - PA needed
  - Currently no set criteria



PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) CRITERIA

# Access to Care – Kentucky Medicaid

## Kentucky Medicaid MedImpact Prior Authorization Criteria (As of July 6, 2023)

Agent(s) Subject to PA Criteria	Criteria for Approval
Descovy® CC, QL	<p><i>Treatment of HIV Infection</i></p> <p><b>Length of Authorization:</b> 1 year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection (ICD-10 = B20 and/or Z21).</li></ul> <p><i>Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis</i></p> <p><b>Length of Authorization:</b> 3 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prescribed for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) of HIV; <b>AND</b></li><li>• Prescriber submits prior authorization request; <b>AND</b></li><li>• Prescriber attests that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Patient is considered high-risk for HIV infection; <b>AND</b></li><li>– Risk-reduction and medication adherence counseling were performed; <b>AND</b></li></ul></li><li>• Negative HIV-1 test immediately prior to initiating; <b>AND</b></li><li>• For Descovy®, member is NOT a recipient of vaginal sex (not FDA-approved in this population).</li></ul> <p><b>Renewal Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Negative HIV-1 test prior to renewal; <b>AND</b></li><li>• Patient remains at high risk for HIV infection.</li></ul>

# Access to Care – Commercial Insured, Copay Assistance

## Gilead Advancing Access

- Gilead Advancing Access® Medication Co-pay Coupon Card
  - \$7200 max per year
  - No income limit
  - Re-apply annually
  - Patients are not eligible if they have state/federally funded prescription drug coverage (i.e. Medicare, Medicaid)
  - Online enrollment process
  - Descovy® and Truvada®

## ViiVConnect

- For Patients | ViiVConnect
  - \$7850 max per year
    - Includes \$350 per year for injection administration
  - Re-apply annually
  - Patients are not eligible if they have state/federally funded prescription drug coverage (i.e. Medicare, Medicaid)
  - Online enrollment process
  - Apretude®

# Access to Care – Medicare Insured, Copay Assistance

## Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF)

- For Commercial and Medicare insurance
- \$7500 max per year
- Income limit < 400% FPL
  - HHS 1 - \$58,320
  - HHS 2 - \$78,880
  - HHS 3 - \$99,440
- Re-apply annually
- Enrollment dependent on funding, limitations apply
- Descovy<sup>®</sup> and Truvada<sup>®</sup>

## Patient Access Network (PAN)

- \$3600 max per year
- Income limit < 500% FPL
  - HHS 1 - \$72,900
  - HHS 2 - \$98,600
  - HHS 3 - \$124,300
- Re-apply annually
- Enrollment dependent on funding, limitations apply
- Currently on Wait-list for Descovy<sup>®</sup>, Truvada<sup>®</sup> and Apretude<sup>®</sup>

# Access to Care – Uninsured / Underinsured

## Gilead Advancing Access

- Offers:
  - Benefits Investigation
  - Patient Assistance Program (PAP) / Medication Assistance Program
- PAP application is available:
  - Online ([Gilead Advancing Access Consent \(iassist.com\)](https://iassist.com))
  - Paper ([gilead\\_enrollment\\_form.pdf \(gileadhiv.com\)](https://gileadhiv.com))
- Income verification <500% FPL
- Must be uninsured or their insurance does not cover the medication
- Descovy<sup>®</sup> and Truvada<sup>®</sup>

## ViiV Connect

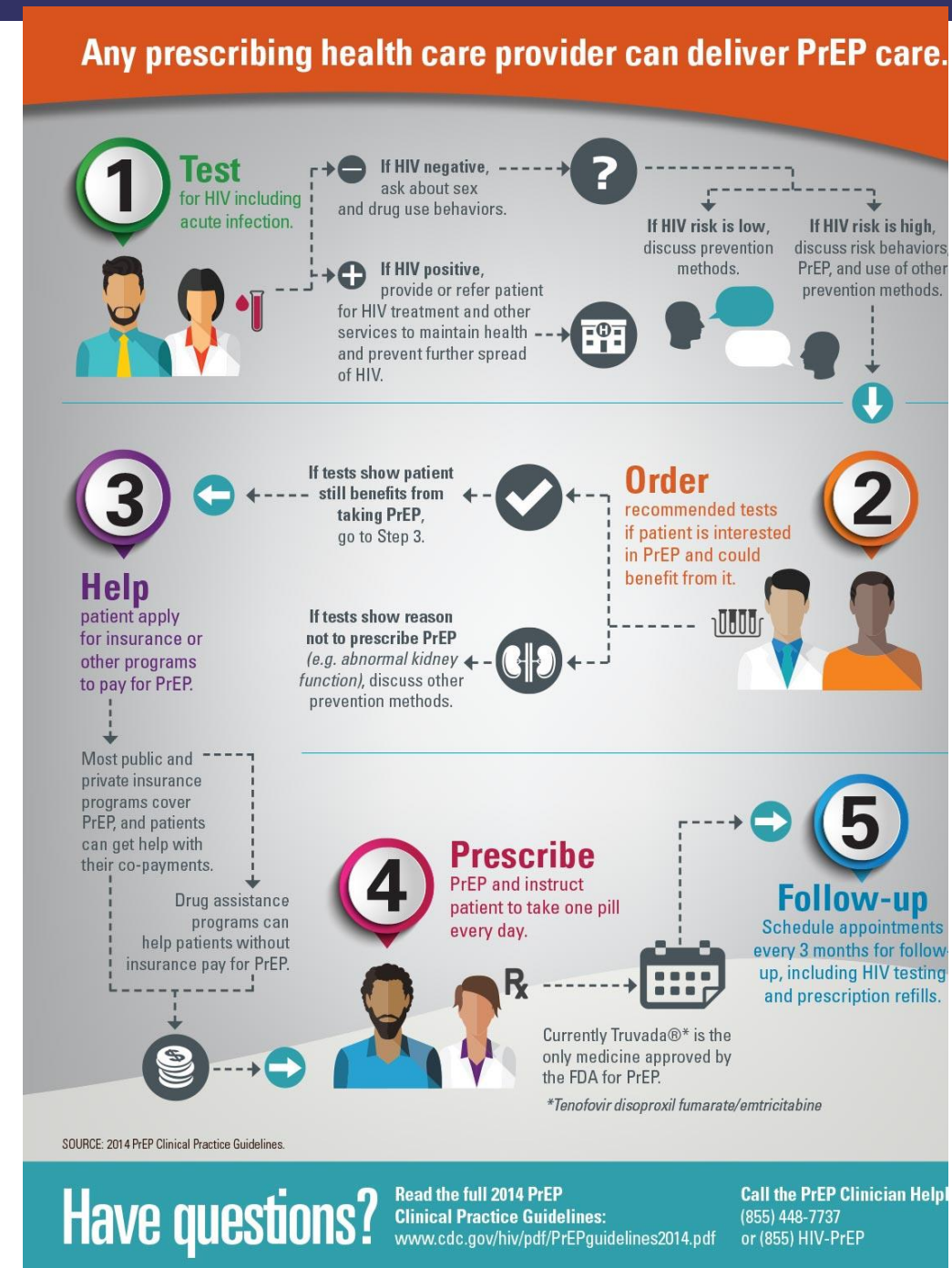
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  - Online ([HCP Portal | ViiVConnect \(viivconnectportal.com\)](https://viivconnectportal.com))
- Income verification <500% FPL
- Must be uninsured or their insurance does not cover the medication
- Apretude<sup>®</sup>

# Resources for Clinicians

## Additional Training

- [HealthHIV](#): HIV Prevention Certified Provider certification program
- CDC [HIV Prevention Materials](#)
  - [Discussing Sexual Health with Your Patients](#)
  - [Sharing the Night, Not HIV](#) waiting room poster
  - [Substance Use/Abuse](#)
- Assessment tool for provider – [Is HIV PrEP Right for Your Patient?](#)
- [CDC PrEP Guidelines](#)

[Daily Pill Can Prevent HIV Infographics](#) | [VitalSigns](#) | [CDC](#)





# Resources for Patients

## CDC Pamphlets

### What Questions Should I Ask My Doctor?

- ☐ Am I a good candidate for PrEP?
- ☐ What other options can I use to lower my risk of getting HIV infection?
- ☐ How effective would PrEP be at reducing my risk of HIV infection?
- ☐ Are there any side effects?
- ☐ Can you prescribe PrEP for me here?
- ☐ Are there ways to help me to pay for PrEP if I need assistance?
- ☐ Are you willing to prescribe and manage PrEP for me?
- ☐ How often will I have to be tested for HIV and other STDs?

#### Additional questions for women:

- ☐ Can PrEP help me to get pregnant safely if my partner has HIV?
- ☐ Can I take PrEP if I am pregnant or breastfeeding?

### Resources for your Provider

**Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection - 2014: A PHS Clinical Practice Guideline**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/guidelines/PrEPguidelines2014.pdf>

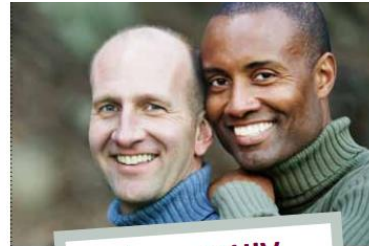
**Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection - 2014: Clinical Providers' Supplement**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hivpdf/guidelines/PrEPProviderSupplement2014.pdf>

**Gilead Sciences PrEP Website:** contains information about the drug, its use for PrEP, and information about the Medication Assistance Program. <https://start.truvada.com>

### Resources for You

**My PrEP Experience Blog**  
<http://myprepexperience.blogspot.com>

**Project Inform: PrEP**  
<http://www.projectinform.org/prep>



Are you **HIV negative** but worry you might become **positive**?

**Take Charge**

**TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT PrEP**



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### What is PrEP?

PrEP stands for "pre-exposure prophylaxis".

Taking a daily dose of Truvada™ was approved in July 2012 for reducing the chance of getting HIV infection in people who don't have HIV.

When used with other safer sex practices (like condoms), PrEP can help protect you from getting HIV from an infected partner.

Truvada™ can be used for HIV prevention by men who have sex with men, men who have sex with women, women who have sex with men, and injection drug users.

\*The use of trade names and commercial sources is for identification only and does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



### HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT PrEP



#### Before Your Visit

**Make an appointment** with your health care provider. Your doctor can help you to decide if PrEP would be a good choice for you.

**Do research.** Make a list of reasons that you think that PrEP would be a good choice for you.

**Think about** your routine, especially things that might make it easy or hard to take a daily medication.

**Make a health history list** for your doctor. That includes any past illnesses or concerns you have, as well as a list of your current medications (including supplements, herbs, etc.).

**Make sure a translator is available or bring someone who can translate** if you would prefer to speak a language other than English during your appointment.

#### During Your Visit

**Be clear.** Take out your notes and tell your doctor that you are interested in PrEP right away.

**Do not be shy.** Give your doctor all the details about your life that could be important to your health. Don't worry about being judged.

If your sex life is a hard topic to talk about, say that to your doctor. It will help to start the conversation.

**Ask questions.** You want to be sure that you understand what your doctor is telling you.

**Take notes** during your visit so that you can remember what your doctor said.

#### After Your Visit

**Review** your notes or any information provided by your doctor.

**Consider your options.** Your doctor gave you a lot of information. Now it is up to you to make the right decision for you.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/behavior/index.html>

**Call your doctor** if you have more questions. Ask to speak to a nurse if your doctor is unavailable.

**Schedule** tests or follow-up appointments your doctor requested.

**Get your results** if you had tests done at your appointment.

**If you feel comfortable,** you may want to discuss this choice with your partners, family, or friends.

[Talk to Your Doctor About PrEP \(cdc.gov\)](http://cdc.gov)



# Resources – Kentucky HIV/Aids Prevention

## Patient Resources

All Kentucky county health departments and other community based organizations offer free anonymous or confidential HIV tests.

- [Find a test site near you](#)
- [Complete list of rapid HIV testing sites in KY](#)

[Is PrEP Right for Me tool](#) – Created by The Stigma Project

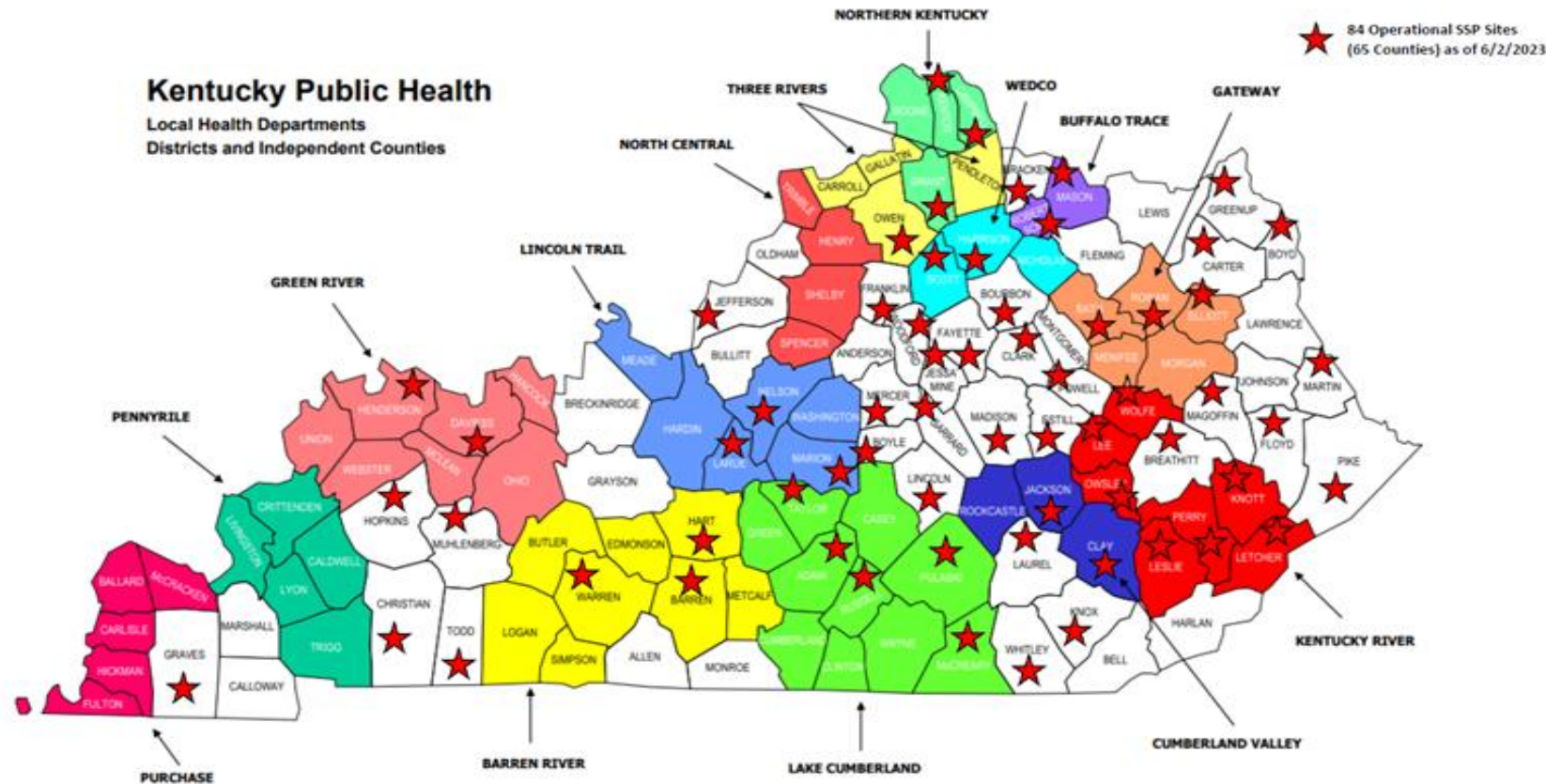
[CDC PrEP Basics](#)



# Resources – Kentucky HIV/Aids Prevention

## Patient Resources

- Syringe Exchange Program by County
- Syringe Services Programs - Cabinet for Health and Family Services (ky.gov)
- Hours and days of operation vary by county check website for availability



Syringe Services Programs - Cabinet for Health and Family Services (ky.gov)

# Resources – Kentucky HIV/Aids Prevention

## HIV Prevention Sites

- East Region
  - AVOL (AIDS Volunteers, Inc.)
  - Lexington-Fayette County Health Department\*
  - University of Kentucky Bluegrass Care Clinic
- North Central Region
  - Volunteers of America Mid-States\*
- Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness
  - Main Office\*
  - Specialty Clinic\*
- North Region
  - Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department\*

# Questions / Contact Information

## **Walgreens Local Specialty - Louisville**

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- Fax: (502) 434-3123
- Sarah.m.spencer@walgreens.com

## **Community, A Walgreens Pharmacy - Lexington**

- Phone: (859) 551-4447
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- [Sophie.mchardy@walgreens.com](mailto:Sophie.mchardy@walgreens.com)

**\*\*Please call even if you are not using our pharmacy we are here as a resource for you\*\***