

State of Washington  
Decision Package

FINAL

**Agency:** 303 Department of Health  
**Decision Package Code/Title:** B1 Medication for HIV Prevention & Control Reduction  
**Budget Period:** 2015-17  
**Budget Level:** PL – Policy Level

**Recommendation Summary Text:**

This proposal will reduce access to antiretroviral medications for people who are at high risk for acquiring HIV. The Department of Health (DOH) works to prevent transmission of disease by keeping HIV-infected people virally suppressed and making those who are at high risk of becoming infected less vulnerable to infection. Antiretroviral medications prevent the spread of HIV, they make it difficult for HIV-infected individuals to transmit disease and difficult for high-risk people who are not infected to acquire disease.

**Fiscal Detail**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>		<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
001-1	General Fund - State	(885,000)	(885,000)	(1,770,000)
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>(885,000)</b>	<b>(885,000)</b>	<b>(1,770,000)</b>

**Package Description:**

Results of scientific studies have made it clear that keeping People Living with HIV (PLWH) virally suppressed not only improves their individual-level health outcomes, but also contributes significantly to improvement of population-level health since it is very difficult for people who are virally suppressed to transmit disease.

Recent studies have shown that if people who are *not* infected take antiretroviral medications consistently, they can greatly reduce their chances of becoming infected – this is called Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). The Office of Infectious Disease (OID) have been building pathways for both infected and uninfected individuals to access these medications in an effort to accelerate reductions in new HIV infections in the state and ultimately, end AIDS in Washington.

The OID recently initiated a program to give individuals at high risk of acquiring HIV infection access to antiretroviral medications by covering costs for those who are uninsured and providing co-pay assistance for those who need it. The program is called the PrEP Drug Assistance Program (PrEP DAP). Reductions proposed for the current biennium, for \$1.77 million, will result in a 38 percent reduction in PrEP DAP services. This means that approximately 88 uninsured people and 88 people who need co-pay assistance will not have access to medication to prevent acquisition of HIV.

If all anticipated reductions to the HIV program persist into the next biennium, the PrEP DAP will be eliminated.

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***Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:***

***What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?***

None

**Performance Measure Detail**

**Activity: Code A016 Title Prevent and Respond to the Transmission of Communicable and Infectious Disease**

Reduce the number of new HIV diagnoses from 513 per year to 385 per year by 12/31/2016.

***Is this Decision Package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?***

No.

***Does this decision package provide essential support to one or more of the Governor's Results Washington priorities?***

No.

***What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?***

The HIV stakeholder community in Washington is very interested in having our state follow New York State's initiative to End AIDS. Advocacy leadership is planning to approach the Governor to talk about this. An important part of New York's package of services to End AIDS is promotion of PrEP, so it is expected that this program will come up in discussions. Ongoing reductions in the 2017- 2019 biennium would eliminate this program entirely.

***What alternatives were explored by the agency and why was this alternative chosen?***

The Department of Health (DOH) used the following process to get to the mandated 15 percent General Fund State Reductions:

- All General Fund State supported programs were put into three tiers:
  - Tier 1 – Programs that are 100 percent foundational public health services
  - Tier 2 – Programs that are partially foundational public health services and/or directly tied to the Governor's Results Washington measures and/or part of the agency strategic plan
  - Tier 3 – All remaining general fund programs
- Tier 2 and Tier 3 programs were scored using the public health criteria matrix, then ranked using the scores and our professional judgment
- Reductions were proposed from the ranked list
- The DOH widely shared our draft reductions both internally and externally to the department and sought feedback

***What are the consequences of adopting or not adopting this package?***

Adopting this package means a more limited ability to reduce new HIV cases in Washington State.

***What is the relationship, if any, to the state capital budget?***

None.

***What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?***

None.

***Expenditure and revenue calculations and assumptions***

In the 2015- 2017 Biennium, this proposal will reduce the level of service by 38 percent for PrEP DAP. This will affect approximately 88 uninsured people and 88 people who need co-pay assistance will not have access to medication to prevent acquisition of HIV. Ongoing reductions will eliminate the entire PrEP DAP. The estimated General Fund State reduction in fiscal year (FY) 2016 will be \$885,000 and \$885,000 in FY 2017. In addition, there will be a reduction of 0.1 FTE Fiscal Analyst 2 due to the decrease in administrative workload. These reductions will be ongoing.

***Which costs and functions are one-time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?***

All reductions are assumed to be ongoing.

***For federal grants: Does this request require a maintenance of effort or state match?***

Not applicable.

***For all other funding: Does this request fulfill a federal grant's maintenance of effort or match requirement?***

No

<b><u>Object Detail</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
A Salaries and Wages			0
B Employee Benefits			0
C Personal Service Contracts			0
E Goods and Services	(885,000)	(885,000)	(1,770,000)
G Travel			0
N Grant, Benefits & Client Svc			0
T Intra-Agency Reimbursements			0
<b>Total Objects</b>	<b>(885,000)</b>	<b>(885,000)</b>	<b>(1,770,000)</b>