

State of Washington
Decision Package

FINAL

Agency: 303 Department of Health
Decision Package Code/Title: P0 Medication for HIV Prevention & Control Restoration
Budget Period: 2015-17
Budget Level: PL – Performance Level

Recommendation Summary Text:

This proposal will restore access to antiretroviral medications for people who are at high risk for acquiring HIV. The Department of Health 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

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

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). This proposal restores \$1.77 million, which will mean no reduction in PrEP DAP services.

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Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:

What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?

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

Performance Measure Detail

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

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

This decision package aligns with Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan Update: Protect everyone from communicable diseases and other health threats. Under that goal, this aligns with Objective 1: Ensure effective communicable disease prevention, surveillance, and response systems. It is essential to reach an agency strategic plan performance measure to reduce the number of new HIV diagnoses.

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.

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

While PrEP is a CDC recommended best practice, it can't currently be covered with federal funds, so general fund state is our only option.

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

Access to PrEP is an important tool in the HIV prevention tool box for people at high risk for HIV infection. Fewer people will have access to this tool if this package is not funded. This will impact our ability to reach goals to reduce HIV infections in Washington State and slow our progress in ending AIDS.

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 restore the level of service for PrEP DAP that is proposed for reduction. This will affect approximately 88 uninsured people and 88 people who need co-pay assistance to access to medication to prevent acquisition of HIV. The estimated General Fund State expenditure in fiscal year (FY) 2016 will be \$885,000 and \$885,000 in FY 2017. There will be an addition of 0.1 FTE Fiscal Analyst 2 due to the increase in administrative workload.

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

All costs are 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.

<u>Object Detail</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
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
Total Objects	885,000	885,000	1,770,000