

Impact of Proposed Elimination of HRSA HIV PrEP Funding for Community Health Centers

As part of \$767 million of domestic HIV prevention and treatment <u>funding cuts</u> included in the House Labor, HHS Appropriations bill is the total elimination of a program initiated by the Trump administration that is a critical component of the <u>Ending the HIV Epidemic</u> program. The <u>Primary Care HIV Prevention</u> (PCHP) program provides funding to HRSA's community health centers in the communities most impacted by HIV to conduct activities to support and provide PrEP, which are highly effective medications that prevent HIV.

The program is currently funded at \$157 million and supports 411 community health centers in 29 states. (For a listing of all the grantees by state please click here.)

As detailed below, nearly 80,000 people were receiving PrEP from these community health centers in 2022, which represents a 45% increase from the nearly 55,000 people in 2021.

These results demonstrate amazing progress and how beneficial this program can be in providing PrEP to low-income and rural populations as well as those racial and ethnic groups who are most impacted by HIV but are not yet benefiting from this powerful prevention tool. Recent <u>data</u> released by the CDC indicate that while 94% of Whites eligible for PrEP are taking it, only 24% of Latinos are, and only 13% of eligible Blacks are on PrEP.

Unfortunately, all of this progress will be lost if the House version of the FY2024 Labor, HHS Appropriations bill becomes law. On the other hand, the Senate version of the bill retains this funding along with all other domestic HIV prevention and treatment programs.

See <u>here</u> or below for the results and progress that has occurred in each state with this low-cost program that leverages and expands upon existing infrastructure. The average award is around \$380,000 per community health center and we know that the prevention of just one HIV case erases the need for over \$500,000 of lifetime treatment costs. Every individual on PrEP is taking a step to prevent HIV and this one program provides an avenue for people who have a reason to be on PrEP to obtain it.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to Carl Schmid, Executive Director, HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute at cschmid@hivhep.org. Thank you.

Results of EHE-Funded PrEP Grants for Community Health Centers

State	PrEP Patients (2021)	PrEP Patients (2022)	% change	# of Health Centers	FY23 funding	
AL	732	886	21.0%	10	\$	3,916,308
AR	428	254	-40.7%	11	\$	4,259,260
AZ	619	942	52.2%	11	\$	4,302,197
CA	10,675	15,695	47.0%	85	\$	32,820,751
DC	2,860	3,483	21.8%	7	\$	2,798,060
FL	2,543	7,489	194.5%	25	\$	9,535,877
GA	71	745	949.3%	12	\$	4,584,128
IL	7,229	7,972	10.3%	20	\$	8,163,285
IN	363	610	68.0%	6	\$	2,356,260
KS	22	459	1986.4%	1	\$	382,114
KY	61	146	139.3%	12	\$	4,443,577
LA	1,959	2,558	30.6%	13	\$	5,146,360
MA	4,050	6,032	48.9%	13	\$	4,747,660
MD	927	977	5.4%	8	\$	2,815,489
MI	32	785	2353.1%	8	\$	3,007,879
МО	912	1,111	21.8%	15	\$	5,659,207
MS	468	461	-1.5%	17	\$	6,424,223
NC	103	654	535.0%	3	\$	1,217,906
NJ	666	1,609	141.6%	7	\$	2,551,340
NV	68	105	54.4%	6	\$	2,160,966
NY	12,894	16,087	24.8%	33	\$	13,344,914
ОН	612	764	24.8%	16	\$	5,828,255
OK	67	371	453.7%	12	\$	4,279,926
PA	900	1,137	26.3%	11	\$	4,056,458
PR	0	197		2	\$	742,238
SC	665	614	-7.7%	15	\$	5,582,490
TN	192	313	63.0%	4	\$	1,559,415
TX	3,562	5,626	57.9%	22	\$	8,466,269
WA	1,133	1,349	19.1%	6	\$	2,300,067
TOTAL	54,813	79,431	44.9%	411	\$	157,452,879

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