

# Policies & Programs Needed to Ensure PrEP Access Nationwide

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# Why Uptake Hasn't Been Better

- ▶ Should not be the cost of the drug
  - ▶ Low-cost generics & available for free
- ▶ Insufficient federal government outreach program to community & providers
- ▶ No payer for lab services for the uninsured
- ▶ CDC just beginning to allow state grantees to pay for PrEP services
  - ▶ Limited level & not for the Rx
  - ▶ Has been available for EHE grants (not Rx)
  - ▶ Need grantee accountability

# Why Uptake Hasn't Been Better

- ▶ Zero cost sharing for private insurance recently went into effect
  - ▶ Federal Government slow to issue guidance
  - ▶ Insurers aren't in compliance
  - ▶ People still being charged
- ▶ Daily pill w/ follow-up visits (up until now)
- ▶ Stigma

# What Can be Done to Scale Up PrEP

- ▶ National PrEP Grant Program
  - ▶ To meet current and future needs
- ▶ CDC Must allow grantees to Spend more on PrEP
- ▶ Continued Community Health Center Funding
  - ▶ \$102 million to 271 Centers
    - ▶ Must expand to all 1,400
  - ▶ 389,000 PrEP Patients at 925 Centers
  - ▶ Need better data

# Private Insurance

- ▶ Current Requirements Must be Enforced
  - ▶ Drug Formularies Checked
  - ▶ Improved Transparency for Prevention Drugs
  - ▶ State Insurance Commissioner's must take action
- ▶ New Drugs Quickly Reviewed by USPSTF
  - ▶ CCIIO Guidance Updated
  - ▶ Continued Enforcement

# Medicaid & Medicare

- ▶ State Medicaid Programs cover PrEP & labs
  - ▶ Very low cost-sharing, if any
  - ▶ But many states not expanded Medicaid to all low-income individuals
- ▶ PrEP Covered under Medicare Part D
  - ▶ All ARV's must be covered
  - ▶ Beneficiary cost-sharing applies

# National PrEP Grant Program Legislation

- ▶ **PrEP Assistance Program Act ([HR 5605](#))**
- ▶ Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)
- ▶ Establishes \$400 million/year for:
  - ▶ Community & Provider Outreach
  - ▶ PrEP & associated services for uninsured & underinsured
- ▶ Eligible entities:
  - ▶ States, tribes, cities, FQHCs, family planning centers, rural health clinics, CBOs, Ryan White Program Clinics

# National PrEP Grant Program Legislation

- ▶ **PrEP Access and Coverage Act ([S 3295](#), [HR 6117](#))**
- ▶ Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) & Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
- ▶ Establishes Separate Grant Programs for Community & Provider Outreach
  - ▶ No specified dollar amount
- ▶ PrEP & associated services for uninsured & underinsured
- ▶ Same list of eligible entities



# PrEP Access and Coverage Act: Additional Components

- ▶ No cost-sharing for all PrEP Rx's & associated services by all payers (Private Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Indian Health, TriCare)
  - ▶ No prior authorizations
- ▶ No discrimination in disability, long-term care, life insurance for PrEP users
- ▶ Education campaign by HHS Secretary
- ▶ Protects privacy of PrEP users on family plan

# Appropriations

- ▶ Whatever is authorized still must be funded
- ▶ Can establish grant program through appropriations, especially if build on existing programs
- ▶ 111 HIV & LGBTQ orgs. sent [letter](#) to President Biden in support of \$400 million national PrEP grant program in FY23 budget

# Letter to President Biden

- ▶ Build on existing CDC & FQHC programs
- ▶ Utilize, as appropriate
  - ▶ Existing payers
    - ▶ No cost-sharing for private insurance
  - ▶ Generic drugs
  - ▶ Free Rx programs
  - ▶ 340B program
- ▶ If created under “STD Clinic/Section 318” authority any grantee, including Ryan White Program clinics, can use 340B and pay for & conduct PrEP activities

# Thank you!

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