# READY, SET, PrEP

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Ready, Set, PrEP program makes PrEP medications available to people who qualify at no cost.

#### THE READY, SET, PrEP PROGRAM IS PART OF ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC: A PLAN FOR AMERICA (EHE)

The initiative's goal is to reduce the number of new HIV infections in the U.S. by:



#### **PREVENTING HIV INFECTION**

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (or PrEP) is a way to prevent people who do not have HIV from getting HIV, by taking one pill every day as prescribed.

To find out more about PrEP and if PrEP medication is right for you, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) PrEP webpage or talk with a healthcare professional. If you do not have a doctor or someone who can prescribe PrEP medication for you, you can visit locator.hiv.gov to find a provider.

## WHY IS PrEP IMPORTANT?

PrEP medications are safe and effective and can help prevent you from getting infected with HIV. When someone is exposed to HIV, PrEP medications can work to keep the virus from causing infection. Taking PrEP medication can stop new HIV infections, and help end the HIV epidemic.

More than one million people in the U.S. could benefit from taking PrEP medication, but only a small fraction of those actually get a prescription for the medication. Many people do not know about PrEP medication and how it can help them, and many can't afford to pay for the medicine. The Ready, Set, PrEP program is designed to reach those individuals who could be helped by taking PrEP medication, but do not have prescription drug coverage. The program provides them with information about the medication as well as the medication itself at no cost for qualified individuals.

# HOW CAN I ENROLL IN THE READY, SET, Prep program?

To receive PrEP medication through the Ready, Set, PrEP program, you must:

- 🕑 Test negative for HIV
- Have a valid prescription from your healthcare provider
- Not have insurance that covers prescription drugs

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- Choose any of the following methods to apply:
  - Online: ReadySetPrEP.hiv.gov
  - By phone: 855.447.8410
  - In person at a healthcare provider's office, including a community health center where trained staff can assist you.
- You can receive PrEP medication at participating pharmacy locations or through mail.
- You will need to connect with your healthcare provider every three months to get re-tested for HIV and have other assessments.

#### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

If you receive PrEP medication through the Ready, Set, PrEP program, you will not have to pay for the PrEP medication. The costs of clinic visits and lab test costs may depend on your income.





To find out if PrEP is right for you, talk to your healthcare professional. Visit the Ready, Set, PrEP website at ReadySetPrEP.hiv.gov or contact 855.447.8410.

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