

READY, SET, PrEP

Dear PrEP Providers and Prescribers:

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 response, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is adapting the [Ready, Set, PrEP program](#) to help ensure patient retention in ongoing PrEP care and adherence to PrEP HIV prevention medications, and reduce the burden on the nation's health care providers and health care systems. Below are the program updates, which will be/are effective immediately:

- Through September 30, 2020, an override request has been implemented for patients enrolled in the Ready, Set, PrEP program to receive up to a 90-day fill of their PrEP medication on an as-needed, case-by-case basis. While this change aligns with the [U.S. Public Health Service PrEP Clinical Guidelines](#) and a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Dear Colleague letter "[PrEP During COVID-19](#)" the determination of how many days' worth of PrEP medication are included in a prescription is ultimately a patient-provider decision. To request the override, the pharmacy or provider must call the program.
- Ready, Set, PrEP program enrollees whose eligibility will expire between June 1, 2020 and September 29, 2020 will have their program eligibility automatically extended through September 30, 2020. This update will be communicated to enrolled patients with an expiration date during this period, and no further action is required for continued access to medication.

HHS will continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 response and re-assess the situation as needed.

The nationwide HHS Ready, Set, PrEP continues providing PrEP medications at no cost to individuals who qualify, raising awareness about PrEP, reducing new HIV infections, and bringing the nation one step closer to ending the HIV epidemic in the United States.

Health care providers are encouraged to continue talking with patients about PrEP options and, as appropriate, connecting them to the Ready, Set, PrEP program or other programs and resources that can help them access this safe and effective HIV prevention option. For additional information about PrEP, visit the [CDC's HIV Nexus Clinician Resources](#) or visit the [Clinician Consultation Center's PrEP page](#) or contact their warmline at (855) 448-7737 or (855) HIV-PrEP from Monday–Friday between 9 a.m.–8 p.m. ET. To learn more about the [Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America](#) initiative and the HHS Ready, Set, PrEP program visit www.hiv.gov. If you have any questions about the Ready, Set, PrEP program, contact us via email at ReadySetPrEP@hhs.gov.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, call 855.447.8410

Sincerely,

The Ready, Set, PrEP Enrollment Center



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