

Positive Advocate Spring 2015

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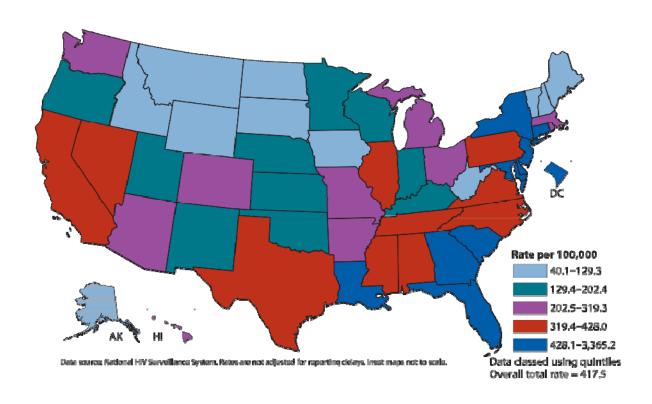
HIV in the United States

(excerpted from the CDC's HIV and AIDS in the United States by Geographic Distribution Fact Sheet — June 2012)

The following map shows the ranges of rates of persons living with a diagnosis of HIV infection at the end of 2008, by state; predominantly, states in the South and the Northeast report the highest rates. In 2008, the overall total rate for persons living with a diagnosis of HIV infection in the United States was 417.5/100,000 population.

Rates of Persons Aged 18-64 Years Living with a Diagnosis of HIV Infection, Year-End 2008—United States 1

1To provide population rates of persons living with a diagnosis of HIV for every state, this map uses unadjusted data from CDC's National HIV Surveillance System.



Office of AIDS (OA) - Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP)

OA-HIPP is a program that pays the monthly health insurance premiums for eligible California residents with an HIV/AIDS diagnosis. The program is available to individuals with health insurance who are at risk of losing it, as well as to individuals currently without health insurance who would like to purchase it.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the OA-HIPP program, you must:

- 1. Be enrolled in ADAP
- 2. Have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis
- 3. Be a California resident
- 4. Be at least 18 years old
- 5. Have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$50,000
- 6. NOT be enrolled in Medicare or Full-Scope (Free) Medi-Cal
- 7. Have (or plan to get) a comprehensive health insurance plan with prescription drug benefits.

The program is not available to individuals whose insurance premiums are all or partially paid for by their employer.

How to Apply

There are two options:

- 1. Contact your ADAP enrollment worker for help enrolling. An enrollment worker will help you with the application process and submit the completed application to Office of AIDS (OA) on your behalf.
- 2. Enroll directly with OA. If you cannot reach an enrollment site or prefer to enroll directly with OA, you can access the application and supporting documentation, or you can call the OA hotline at (800) 367-2437 and you will be referred to someone who can help you request an application packet and/or receive help completing the application over the phone. You will need to submit completed forms with original signatures and documentation directly to OA at:

Insurance Assistance Section California Department of Public Health PO Box 997426, MS 7704 Sacramento, CA95899-7426

About this Program

OA-HIPP clients can remain on the program as long as the services are needed and they continue to meet all the program requirements. Once approved and enrolled in the program, each OA-HIPP client will be required to re-enroll annually and re-certify six months later.

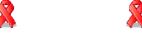


RYAN WHITE HEALTH INSURANCE AND PREMIUM PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

For Fiscal Year 2015, the Sacramento Ryan White CARE Program has added the Health Insurance and Premium Payment Assistance category to the menu of services available to eligible HIV+ clients. Under this service, eligible clients can receive assistance paying the co-payments required for medical visits, as well as assistance paying portions of their annual deductibles required by their insurance coverage. However, Medicare deductibles and co-pays under Medicare Part D are not eligible for this service.

Cares Community Health offers <u>free</u> STD/HIV Testing Services on the following days/times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.









Partner Counseling and Referral Services:

County of Sacramento - 916-875-1100 Cares Community Health - 916-914-6325 Yolo County - 530-666-8670 El Dorado and Placer Counties: Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation 530-889-2437

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The Sacramento TGA's HIV Health Services Planning Council and Committee Meeting Schedules

1st Monday of Every Month:

(Except Holidays)

Affected Communities Committee: 4:30—5:30 p.m. at Cares Community Health, 1500 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

Conference Room C/D

1st Tuesday of Every Month:

Prevention Committee: 1:00—2:00 p.m. at the Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA.

Conference Room 2020

1st Tuesday of Every Month:

Quality Advisory Committee: 2:00—3:00 p.m. at the Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA.

Conference Room 2020

1st Tuesday of Every Month:

Needs Assessment Committee: 3:00—4:30 p.m. at the Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA.

Conference Room 2020

2nd Monday of Every Month:

Priorities and Allocations Committee: 10—12:00 p.m. at the

Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA.

Conference Room 2020

2nd Thursday of Every Month:

Executive Committee: 3:00—5:00 p.m. at Cares

Community Health, 1500 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

1st Floor Boardroom

4th Wednesday of Every Month: (Except Nov/Dec: 12/9/15)

4th Wednesday of Every Month: HIV Health Services Planning Council: 10—12 p.m. at the

Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA.

Conference Room 2020

Primary Care Parking: There is free parking on the LOWER LEVEL in the parking structure.

Cares Community Health Parking: There is limited parking in the Cares Community Health parking lot. There is plenty of metered street parking. The cost is 25 cents per 12 minutes.



The **POSITIVE ADVOCATE** Newsletter is a quarterly information and outreach project. We welcome submissions from the affected community. For additional information about the Affected Communities Committee (ACC), HIV Health Services Planning Council (HHSPC), or this newsletter, contact: Paula Gammell at 916-876-5548

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The Affected Communities Committee addresses issues facing the HIV/AIDS community and advises the Planning Council on community affairs. The mission of the committee is to recruit, empower, and involve people living with HIV/AIDS in the strategic planning and advocacy of HIV/AIDS care and services. These goals will be accomplished with the assistance of the Council support staff toward the fulfillment of its mission. The committee encourages an environment of trust and safety in achieving its mission. The Committee meets the first Monday of the Month, except holidays, at Cares Community Health, Conference Room D, 1500 21st Street, Sacramento.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Cares Community Health - is a private, nonprofit community health center serving the greater Sacramento area. They use a medical home model of care, including preventive care, routine checkups, immunizations and management of acute and chronic illnesses.

1500 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 916.443.3299

CommuniCare - HIV medical care and support services 500-B Jefferson Blvd, Suite 195
West Sacramento, CA 95605
916.403.2970 ****Yolo County Residents only ****

Harm Reduction Services - Medical case management, Outreach and Testing 2800 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817 916.456.4849

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation - HIV/AIDS services serving both El Dorado and Placer Counties

Main number: 530.889.2437

Placer County: 12183 Locksley Lane, Suite 205

Auburn, CA 95602

El Dorado County: 550 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 1C Diamond Springs, CA 95619 Strategies for Change - Medical case management and substance abuse outpatient services.

4343 Williamsbourgh Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823 916.473.5764

Sunburst Projects - childcare, mental health, and medical case management 1025 19th Street, Suite 1A, Sacramento, CA 95811 916.440.0889

Well Space Health - Medical case management, mental health services, and substance abuse—detox services

- 1820 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 916.236.4700
- 8233 E. Stockton Blvd, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95828 916.368.3080

UC Davis Medical Center Pediatric Infectious Disease - HIV+ children 2516 Stockton Blvd, Ticon II, Sacramento, CA 95817 916.734.7618