

**NOVEMBER 2024
HPG MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS**





ON TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE,
WE REMEMBER ALL TRANSGENDER PEOPLE
WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US, LOST TO
HATE VIOLENCE, SUICIDE, AND THE IMMENSE
HARDSHIPS OF SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION.



world AIDS day


DECEMBER 1

Inclusion. Respect. Equity.





DIVISION UPDATES

- **The Public Health Program Manager for the HIV Care Section is currently vacant. The position was posted to both internal and external applicants from 10/31/24 -11/13/24 and shared widely. Interviews will be scheduled.**
 - **The Data to Care position previously held by Aditi Anand is vacant and will be posted for candidates by the end of November. We will share the posting with HPG when it is live.**
 - **The Division is working with the Pa. Department of Aging in the implementation of their Aging Well with HIV Program. The Division will fund the training component which includes the training of the two Master Trainers and the volunteers, staff time, the books for participants, postage to mail the books to participants and other supplies.**
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CARE PROGRAM

- The CQI workgroup is recruiting new members for 2025. If you are interested in participating or would like more information about what CQI members do, please reach out to Michelle Schlegelmilch at c-michesch@pa.gov
- The Non-Competing Continuation Report documents were submitted to HRSA in early November. This is the required update to renew funding each year within the five-year Ryan White Part B award.
- General HOPWA Announcements
 - HUD published the annual Fair Market Rents update with the new allowances to be effective October 1, 2024.
 - The PA HOPWA rent standard was updated in accordance with the published updated rates.
 - HOPWA Institute 2024 took place October 21-23rd. Over 1500 attendees were present to discuss current HOPWA regulations and the future of the program.

CARE PROGRAM

- The division participated in a HRSA site visit from November 6-8, 2024. This is the process of HRSA and their consultants to:
 - Confirm compliance with legislative mandates, policies, and requirements.
 - Verify funds are being used in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.
 - Verify that support, technical assistance, and other resources are available to subrecipients to ensure continued provision of quality care services to people with HIV.
 - Document coordination with other federal/state/local HIV/AIDS care and treatment providers, including other RWHAP funded entities and state Medicaid programs.
 - Identify successes, best practices, improvement options and lessons learned.

The final report has not been received from HRSA. Once it is, the division will share the information with the HPG.

SPECIAL PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM (SPBP):

- **2025 SPBP Advisory Council meeting dates**
 - **Thursday, January 30, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)**
 - **Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. (in-person meeting, Penn Harris Hotel)**
 - **Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)**
 - **Thursday, October 23, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. (in-person meeting, Penn Harris Hotel)**
- **The fix to the SPBP data match with Medicaid was implemented the end of September. The enrollment dates provided to SPBP by Medicaid should be accurate going forward. If you find any issues, please contact SPBP immediately.**

SPECIAL PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM (SPBP):

- **Updates on the SPBP website (www.health.pa.gov/spbp)**
- **Drug Formulary – updated 10/1/24**
- **New website address for MyRx Enroll -
<https://pa.enroll.lh.primetherapeutics.com/index.html>**
- **SPBP enrollment applications updated – 10/8/24**
- **Pharmacy provider manual – 10/9/24**
- **Currently updating MyRx Enroll client and case manager tutorials, these will be posted online when complete**

SPECIAL PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM (SPBP):

- **Medicare open enrollment for 2025 is 10/15/24 to 12/7/24**
 - **Currently waiting for Medicare Part C & D plans to return their premium payment agreements to SPBP**
 - **The list of Part C & D plans that sign agreements will then be updated on SPBPs website as soon as available**
 - **Medicare Part D auto-enrollment partner plans for 2025 are Silverscript Choice and Wellcare Classic, which are the same as last year**



Monitoring & Evaluation

- M&E completed the monitoring of Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) in October, and the next monitoring will be of Family Health Council of Central PA (FHCCP) in January.

Prevention Program:

- Please visit Capacity Building and Training | StopHIV.com for the updated Capacity Building calendar. If you need additional technical assistance, please reach out to Kendra Parry at [c-kparry@pa.gov](mailto:kparry@pa.gov).

HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology:

- No updates at this time
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