

## **HIV Planning Group (HPG) Updates for November Meeting**

### **Care Program:**

- The Division received the HOPWA grant agreement and have been level funded at \$3,666,805 for calendar year 2026.
- The Division applied for ADAP Emergency Relief Funds from HRSA for Ryan White FY 2026 beginning 4/1/2026. The application was due on 11/3/2025. We applied for \$7,000,000, which is the maximum award amount for ADAP programs with no waiting lists. The minimum award is \$100,000.

### **Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP):**

- 2026 SPBP Advisory Council Meeting Dates
  - Thursday, January 29, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
  - Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
  - Thursday, July 30, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
  - Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. (teleconference)
- Updates on the SPBP website ([www.health.pa.gov/spbp](http://www.health.pa.gov/spbp))
  - Income limit quick reference guide with new income limits
  - SPBP Medicare Part C & D plan list for 2026
  - Zero Income Statement is now available - all applicants with zero income must complete this form when enrolling/re-enrolling
  - The SPBP Covered Drug List has been revised after the October advisory council meeting - updated list will be effective December 1, 2025 and posted on the website around that date
- New income limits for SPBP effective October 1, 2025 (based on 350% of FPG)
  - Individual income limit \$54,775; allowance for each spouse/dependent in household is an additional \$19,250 each
  - Individuals not currently enrolled will be reviewed based on the new limits when applying
  - Individuals enrolled prior to 10/1/25 will continue coverage until their next re-enrollment is due, at that time they will then be reviewed based on the new income limits
- 90-day Temporary SPBP Coverage while waiting for Medicaid Determination
  - Effective December 1, 2025, SPBP will no longer grant extensions beyond the original 90 days of temporary SPBP coverage for individuals who have been screened for Medicaid eligibility and do not comply with the requirement to complete the Medicaid application process during the initial three months of SPBP coverage
  - To continue receiving SPBP benefits beyond the 90-day temporary coverage period, individuals must provide an acceptable Medicaid denial notice, proof that their income now exceeds the Medicaid income limits, proof of other

prescription drug coverage, or other proof that the individual does not statutorily qualify for Medicaid

- Medicaid denial notices indicating an individual did not provide sufficient documentation, failed to sign a form, or otherwise did not complete the application process will not be accepted

### **Prevention Program:**

- The Status Neutral Navigation and Linkage Program (SNNLP) training is now available on Education and Training | HIVhealthPA.com. This link includes all capacity building opportunities for the coming months. One SNNLP training remains on the calendar this year in December. All current HNS and ARTAS facilitators are required to take the SNNLP training by May 31, 2026.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- County and Municipal Health Department Annual Monitoring visits have been delayed due to revision of our monitoring tool and discussions around other changes to HIV Prevention Monitoring. Site visits normally occur from October-December. Project Officers continue to work with CMHDs on routine activities.
- Ryan White Part B Monitoring has wrapped up for 2025. The monitoring calendar has been released, and 2026 visits will begin in January. Visits will remain virtual for the immediate future.

### **HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology:**

- No Updates currently

### **Update from HPG Membership and Recruitment Workgroup:**

- The opportunity to apply to become a member of the HIV Planning Group in 2026 ran from October 1-November 9. Membership and Recruitment received many applications which are currently being reviewed. The Membership and Recruitment workgroup will be meeting at the end of the week (Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>) to discuss applications and make final selections for next year's HPG. On behalf of the Membership and Recruitment workgroup, we thank everyone who got the word out that we were seeking members for next year and a big thank you to anyone that applied for membership. All those that applied will be contacted on the status of their application in the coming weeks.