

Minnesota Department of Human Services

HIV/AIDS Division

Title: AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)

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PURPOSE: To establish an overview of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

POLICY: The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides HIV/AIDS related prescription drugs to uninsured and underinsured individuals living with HIV/AIDS. ADAP funds are used to provide medications to treat HIV disease, or to prevent the serious deterioration of health, including measures for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections. As a payer of last resort, ADAP only serves individuals who have neither public nor private insurance or cannot get all of their medication needs met through their insurance payer. In Minnesota, ADAP funds are used to both purchase drugs and to purchase cost-effective insurance. AIDS Drug Assistance Programs are authorized under Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. ADAP programs as part of the RWTEA are not entitlement programs but are dependent on federal discretionary funding, which determines how many clients ADAP can serve and what levels of service states can provide.

The ADAP Drug Formulary is the list of medications ADAP pays for. Minnesota's formulary includes all primary HIV treatment drugs classes, Opportunistic Infection (OI) drugs and a number of side effect drugs. Minnesota's ADAP Drug Formulary has an advisory committee of HIV specialty physicians, pharmacists, case managers and consumers, who meet biannually to discuss issues and make recommendations.

The ADAP Drug Reimbursement program pays most of a person's portion of the cost of many major drugs and generic type multiple vitamins used to treat or prevent HIV-related conditions. Drugs may be purchased at any outpatient pharmacy that is a Minnesota Health Care Programs provider.

ADAP pays medical insurance premiums, including, but not limited to:

- Qualified Health Plan (QHP) purchased through MNsure
- Private insurance purchased through the open market
- Employee Sponsored Insurance (ESI) if the client pays 50% or more of premium

KEY STAFF: All staff

DEFINITIONS:

ELIGIBILITY: To receive ADAP in Minnesota an applicant must meet the following eligibility guidelines:

1. HIV-positive;
2. Have an annual income under 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (the official income level on which benefits of low-income assistance programs are based);
3. Currently insured with drug co-pay, underinsured, or uninsured;
4. Currently not enrolled in drug and insurance coverage through; or is ineligible for other Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)
5. Minnesota Resident (must live in MN at least six months plus one day out of the year)

All persons with gross annual incomes between 100 percent and 300 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines may be required to pay a cost share premium. Cost Share amount may be determined as a part of the application process.

REVIEW: Yearly

REFERENCES:

ATTACHMENTS: