

# **CDC PrEP Program Guidance for HIV Prevention Health Department Grantees June, 2011**

## **Introduction**

In November 2010, the National Institutes of Health announced the results of the international iPrEx clinical trial. The trial found that daily oral use of tenofovir plus emtricitabine (brand name Truvada®) provided an average of 44% additional protection in preventing HIV infection among trial participants that included gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM), as well as transgendered women who have sex with men. The participants also received a comprehensive package of prevention services that included monthly HIV testing, condom provision, counseling, and management of other sexually transmitted infections. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to health department HIV prevention programs funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) that are interested in implementing program activities to support daily oral antiretroviral preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for MSM.

In addition to providing direction on which PrEP-related services can be supported with PS12-1201 HIV prevention funding, DHAP will be working with grantees to develop and implement appropriate monitoring and evaluation plans for PrEP-related activities.

## **Guiding Principles for using DHAP funding for PrEP-related activities:**

- Participation in PrEP-related activities is optional under PS12-1201.
- PrEP-related activities to support prevention services for MSM must be implemented as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention program that includes, as appropriate, linkage and referral to prevention and treatment services for sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and viral hepatitis, substance abuse and mental health, and other prevention support services.
- To minimize duplication of effort, DHAP health department grantees should coordinate and collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and providers involved in PrEP-related activities, STD, viral hepatitis, and substance abuse prevention and treatment, and HIV prevention activities.
- Funds for PrEP-related activities should ensure that referral and linkage to existing HIV prevention and treatment services are maintained.
- PrEP-related activities are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated or referenced in the grantee's current cooperative agreement or grants.
- **Funds may be used for, but are not limited to, the following:**
  - Planning for how to most effectively incorporate PrEP into prevention education and services, including evaluating what collaborations will be needed.
  - Educational materials about how to use PrEP in conjunction with other HIV prevention and care services, as well as STD, viral hepatitis, mental health and substance abuse treatment.
  - Development and delivery of the HIV risk-reduction counseling and behavioral

interventions that must be provided with PrEP.

- Communication activities related to PrEP.
- Evaluation activities for PrEP-related activities.
- Personnel (e.g., program staff) conducting the above PrEP-related activities.

- **Funds may *not* be used for:**

- PrEP medications (antiretrovirals).
- Laboratory testing related to PrEP (other than HIV tests or hepatitis screening).
- Personnel costs for the provision of PrEP medication and recommended clinical care associated with PrEP.

### **Applicable cooperative agreements:**

Funds provided under PS12-1201 (Comprehensive HIV Prevention Programs for Health Departments) may be used to support PrEP-related activities. Please refer to that Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for guidance on submission of programmatic and budget requirements. Funds provided under CDC DHAP FOAs for community-based organizations **may not** be used for implementing PrEP-related activities. However, grantees funded under those announcements are encouraged to incorporate messages regarding PrEP into the counseling they provide as part of HIV counseling and testing and to provide appropriate referrals. These grantees may also collaborate with state or local health departments to implement PrEP-related activities in conjunction with state, local, or other federally funded programs. In subsequent years, funds from other cooperative agreements may become eligible to support PrEP-related activities and additional guidance will be provided.

### **Process for Programs to use Current Cooperative Agreement Funding for PrEP-related activities**

- Contact your HIV prevention project officer to discuss your program plans before submitting plans to CDC or revising budgets.
- Consider PrEP for adult MSM populations.
- Work in partnership with CDC to determine the appropriate process measures to capture PrEP-related activities.
- Contact your HIV prevention project officer to discuss specific capacity building assistance needs or to request training and technical assistance.
- CDC will implement a streamlined process for consideration of PrEP-related activities.