### Annual HIV Diagnoses

South Carolina had the nation’s **8th-highest** rate of new HIV diagnoses in 2017. **718** new cases were reported.

### People with HIV

**19,200** people in South Carolina are living with HIV.

When a person with HIV takes their medicine regularly they become virally suppressed and have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV. **62% of South Carolinians** with HIV are virally suppressed; the national goal is 80%.

### % Unaware of HIV infection

**16%** of South Carolinians are unaware of their HIV status.

84% of South Carolinians with HIV are aware of their status, which means approximately **3,100 people** in South Carolina aren’t getting the care they need. The national goal for the percentage of people with HIV who know their status is 90%.

### Economic Impact

South Carolinians with HIV will face an average **lifetime cost of $478,000** to treat their infection (2017 dollars).

### Prevention

**Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)** is a pill for those at high risk for HIV. **9,040** South Carolinians at high risk for HIV could potentially benefit from PrEP. **590** South Carolinians were prescribed PrEP in 2017.

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HIV Testing

59,165 HIV tests††† were provided in South Carolina

CDC-funded HIV testing ensures people at risk know their HIV status. Awareness of HIV status allows people who are HIV-negative to choose prevention activities to avoid infection.

HIV Diagnosis

286 South Carolinians††† were newly diagnosed with HIV through CDC-funded HIV testing

CDC-funded HIV testing makes people with HIV aware of their infection so they can take medicine to stay healthy and prevent transmission.

Linkage to Care

226 South Carolinians††† were linked to medical care within 90 days of HIV diagnosis

CDC-funded programs link people to medical care immediately after HIV diagnosis, so they can stay healthy and not transmit HIV to others.

What Can Be Done?

Major developments in HIV science, prevention, and treatment have produced a once-in-a-generation opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in the United States — including South Carolina.

To End HIV:

Use the right practices in the right places targeted to the right people

Diagnose

All people with HIV as early as possible after infection

Treat

All people with HIV rapidly so they can take HIV medicine to stay healthy and prevent transmission

Protect

People at risk for HIV with proven interventions, including medications that can prevent HIV

Respond

Rapidly to growing HIV networks and effectively respond to outbreaks of new HIV infections

Dedicated people at all levels working together to end HIV

For more information on HIV prevention, please visit www.cdc.gov/HIV

†† FY 2018. ††† 2017 data.