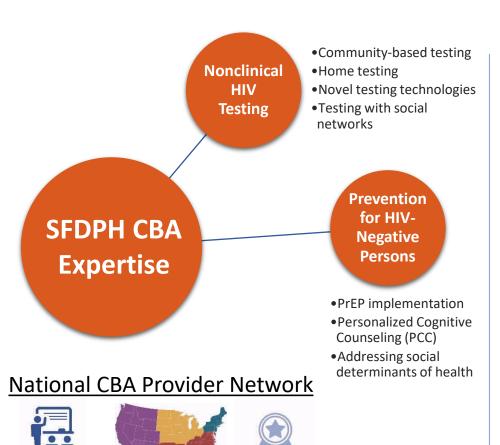
# **Pharmacy PrEP**

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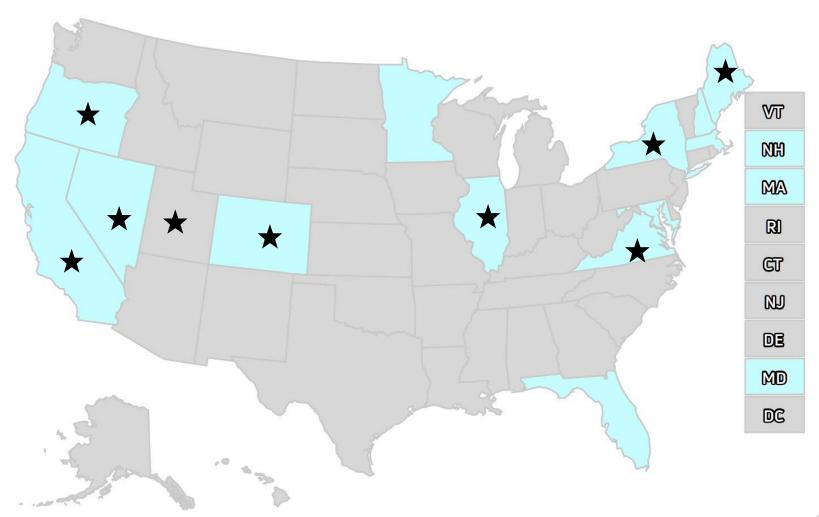
# Agenda

National Overview of Legislation Summary of CA Program Barriers to SB159

## Pharmacy HIV Testing and PrEP Services

Pharmacy PrEP	Location	Pharmacy Services	Additional Information
VDPH in collaboration with a chain pharmacy	Virginia	• HIV POC rapid testing • Walk-in services	<ul> <li>32 locations</li> <li>Performed 3630 tests 6/14-9/16</li> <li>Reported 0.8% positivity rate</li> <li>46% had never been tested</li> </ul>
Kelly-Ross Pharmacy "One-Step PrEP" CPA with a private physician	Seattle, Washington	<ul><li>PrEP assessment and initiation</li><li>Pharmacist-run HIV PrEP clinic</li></ul>	<ul> <li>•3/15/-3/16</li> <li>• 57/251 (=23%) reported having a PCP</li> <li>•3/15-3/2018</li> <li>•714 patients evaluated</li> <li>•90% had a PDC &gt; 80</li> <li>•Payment mandated in WA</li> </ul>

## PrEP Legislation

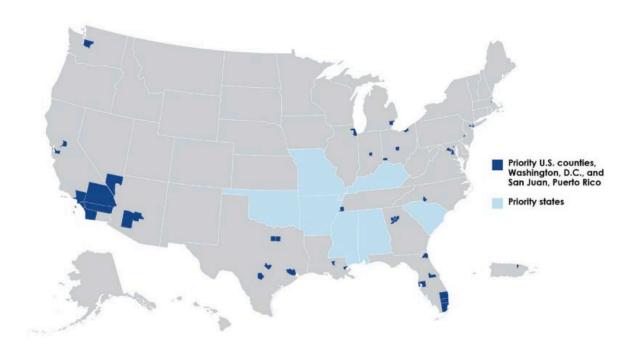


## Pharmacists PrEP & PEP authority at a Glance

States with Restricted quantities			
State	Year	Notes	
CA SB159	2019	60 days of PrEP, 30 days of PEP. Mandates reimbursement from Medicaid at 85% rate, does not address private insurances or ADAP	
ME LD1115	2021	2 months of PrEP and 1 month of PEP	
OR HB2958	2021	Up to 30 days of PrEP	

Unrestricted Quantities			
State	Year	Notes	
CO HB1061	2020	All services, including laboratory reimbursed at 100%	
NV SB325	2021	All services, including laboratory reimbursed at 100%	
Utah HB0178	2021	100% reimbursed for services, still working out laboratory	
VA HB2079	2021	Requires reimbursement at 100%, unclear if laboratory reimbursed	
IL H4430	2022	All services, reimbursed at 85%; requires standing order	

## CDC: 57 Priority Jurisdictions



### California

- Alameda
- Los Angeles
- Orange County
- Riverside County
- Sacramento County
- San Bernadino County
- San Diego County
- San Francisco County

4,396 Californians newly diagnosed with HIV in 2019

## **Priority Communities**

- Gay and bisexual men of all races and ethnicities
- Black/African Americans
- Hispanic/Latinos
- Persons who inject drugs (PWID)
- Transgender individuals

#### PWID account for 10% of new infections

### **By Gender**

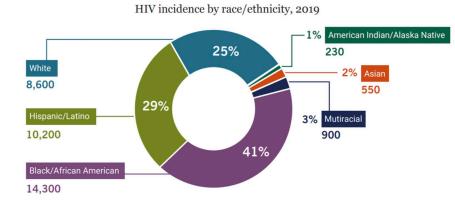
- Men (81%)
- Women (19%)

Among Men - Gay, Bisexual and other men who have sex with men account for 70 % of infections

Trans Individuals
62% Black trans women
35% Hispanic/Latina trans women
17% White trans women

## By Race (All Genders)

- Blacks/African Americans
- Hispanic/Latino



# Pharmacist PrEP Collaborative Practice Agreement with the San Francisco Department of Public Health

- SFDPH Physician of Record oversees program. SFDPH provides supervision
- Phlebotomist or nurse draws blood
- Pharmacist sees patients
- Pharmacy Technician or peer counselor assists with benefits navigation
- Program has received limited grant funding

### **Published findings:**

- •Between April 2018-March 2019, 51 patients initiated on PrEP and 6 patients received PEP
- •60% utilized navigation assistance
- •47% of patients identified as Hispanic/Latino and 10% identified as Black/African American

## PrEP Visit Workflow

- Initial appointments 45-60 minutes, follow up visits 30 minutes
- Visit includes complete medical, social, financial assessment, and labs (HIV, STI, HCV, HBV screening, serum creatinine)

 Patient completes intake questionnaire, insurance verification and benefits navigation

# Pharmacist Visit

- Pharmacist interviews patient, orders labs as appropriate
- Patient is given PrEP or PEP

- Follow up appointments for ongoing (or initial PrEP, if starting PEP)
- Monitor refills

Intake

Follow Up

## Barriers and Facilitators: Mission Wellness Program

### **Barriers**

- Implementation of CPA
- Lack of funding infrastructure, unable to bill for pharmacists initiated services

### **Facilitators**

- CPA permits ongoing PrEP.
- Referrals in place and collaboration for follow up
- Ease of laboratory tests access, supplied by DPH

## SB159 Barriers

- 60 day limitation
- Financial: Payment in CA for services is limited
  - Necessary in order to support testing, staffing, education,
- Education for pharmacists and awareness to patients
- SB159 intent is for pharmacists to follow best practice guidelines and guidance from the CDC; however language has been a barrier and should be more flexible. For example current language:
  - Defines guidelines; CDC publishes additional updates more often than "the Guidelines." Should include language that permits other CDC guidance documents
  - Utilizes prescriptive legislation: PrEP and PEP medications, tests, counseling, etc.,

# **Prep** Basics



PrEP is safe and can reduce your risk of HIV by more than 99%.



It takes at least 1 week on PrEP before you'll be protected for anal sex, and 3 weeks for vaginal sex.



Take 1 pill once a day. Finding a routine is essential.



Get tested for HIV and STIs every 3 months.



Tell your provider if you plan to stop (or restart) PrEP.

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# Lo Esencial de Prepo



PrEP es seguro y puede reducir el riesgo de infección de VIH a más de 99%.



Se necesita tomar PrEP por una semana antes de tener sexo anal y tres semanas antes de tener sexo vaginal para ser protegido/a contra el VIH.



Toma una pastilla una vez al día, estableciendo una rutina es importante.



Hazte la prueba del VIH, de las infecciones de transmisión sexual y la función renal cada 3 meses.



Habla con tu doctor si estás pensando en dejar de tomar (o reiniciar) PrEP.



### **SB159**

#### California Pharmacists Initiation of PrEP and PEP in a pharmacy

In 2019, California passed SB159 legislation to allow pharmacists to initiate important HIV prevention medications to reduce HIV risk and incidence.



#### **SB159 KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Allows pharmacists to independently initiate and furnish PrEP for up to 60 days and PEP for 30 days.
- Mandates Medi-Cal (California Medicaid Program) to reimburse pharmacist services for PrEP and PEP.
- Prohibits Prior Authorizations on PrEP medications to facilitate medication access.

#### Under SB159, a pharmacist may furnish a 30-60 day supply of PrEP if all of the following requirements are met:

- Patient is HIV negative, documented within prior 7 days.
  - Test can be Ab only or Ag/Ab or FDA approved rapid finger stick blood Point of Care test. If test result is not provided by the patient, pharmacist should order HIV test.
- Patient does not have signs/symptoms of acute HIV on a self-reported checklist.
  - Symptoms of acute HIV include: flu-like symptoms such as fever, fatigue, myalgias, pharyngitis, cervical adenopathy, night sweats, diarrhea, and rash.
- Patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications.
- Pharmacist provides counseling to patient regarding ongoing use of PrEP, which may include:
  - Counseling on side effects and adherence
- Safety during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- for HIV, renal function, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, STIs, and pregnancy
- Importance of timely testing and treatment
   Notify patient they must be seen by a PCP for ongoing prescription and that a pharmacist can only furnish a 60-day supply of PrEP once every 2 years
- Services provided must be documented in the patient record in the pharmacy.
- Pharmacist should not furnish more than a 60-day supply once every 2 years to a patient.\*
- Pharmacist should notify patient's PCP, unless the patient does not have one or refuses consent. The pharmacist should then provide a list of physicians and clinics for PrEP.
- The patient cannot waive the consultation.

\*Unless otherwise directed by a prescriber or under collaborative practice agreement.

#### Pharmacist can furnish a full 30-day course of PEP if all of the following requirements are met:

- 1 Pharmacist determines the HIV exposure occurred within the past 72 hours and the patient meets clinical eligibility for PEP consistent with CDC guidelines.
- Pharmacist provides HIV testing that is classified as CLIA waived or determines patient is willing to undergo HIV testing consistent with CDC guidelines.
  - If patient refuses to undergo testing but is otherwise eligible for PEP, pharmacist can still provide PEP.
- Pharmacist provides counseling to patient on the use of PEP consistent with CDC guidelines, which may include:
  - · Side effects, safety during pregnancy and breastfeeding, adherence, and importance of timely testing and treatment, as applicable for HIV, renal function, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, STIs, pregnancy
  - Inform the patient on the availability of PrEP for persons who have ongoing risk of HIV acquisition.
- Pharmacist should notify patient's PCP, unless the patient does not have one or refuses consent. The pharmacist should then provide a list of physicians and clinics for PEP.
- The patient cannot waive the consultation.

#### Checklist for implementing SB159

- · Complete 90-minute Continuing Education requirement.
- Become familiar with CDC PrEP and PEP Guidelines.
- Consider HIV testing options for PrEP and PEP patients in the pharmacy.
- · Compile referral lists for lab-based testing, ongoing PrEP providers, substance use services, and social support.

#### HIV testing in the pharmacy setting

- · CDC recommends laboratory 4th generation Ag/Ab test or rapid, point-of-care fingerstick blood test.
- Rapid HIV tests can be conducted in a pharmacy that obtains a CLIA waiver certificate. allowing patients to access same-day PrEP starts.
- Trained staff members may perform CLIA-waivered point-of-care testing. Consider utilizing a phlebotomist under collaborative practice or referring patients to a nearby laboratory.

#### Where can pharmacists complete PrEP and PEP training for SB159?

- California State Board of Pharmacy: www.bit.ly/CApharm PrEP
- California Society of Health System Pharmacists: www.bit.ly/cshp\_training
- California Pharmacists Association: www.bit.ly/cpha\_course

#### How can pharmacists connect patients to long term PrEP care?

- · Partner with local Community Based Organizations that provide navigation services to long term PrEP care.
- Compile a referral list of local PrEP care providers and other social support services.
- PrEP provider locator can be found at www.preplocator.org.







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## Questions

