

## Notice to CA External Providers Regarding Changes to Cost Share Collection & Coverage of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (HIV PrEP) Services including Baseline Testing, Labs and Monitoring Services at \$0 Cost Share

### What is Changing?

In June 2019, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) issued a Grade A recommendation advising that clinicians offer PrEP with effective antiretroviral therapy (i.e., antiretroviral drugs medically necessary for the prevention of HIV) for persons at high risk for HIV acquisition. Effective July 1, 2020, KP added coverage for FDA-approved antiretroviral PrEP medications to the preventive care package at \$0 cost sharing for non-grandfathered, Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant plans and those grandfathered plans with the ACA preventive package, **except** Medicare and non-grandfathered plans that have **not** opted into the ACA preventive package.

In July 2021, the tri-agencies [Departments of Labor, Treasury, Health and Human Services (HHS)] released an FAQ indicating coverage of HIV PrEP baseline and monitoring services in all markets in addition to PrEP medications, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on PrEP. Effective July 31, 2021, KP in California (other Regions to follow), is expanding HIV PrEP coverage to include HIV PrEP baseline testing and monitoring services on a preventive basis at \$0 cost share for all Plans and non-grandfathered plans that have not opted into the ACA preventive package, **except** Medicare and non-grandfathered plans that have **not** opted into the ACA preventive package.

The USPSTF recommendation applies to individuals who are at high risk for contracting HIV, so only these members will have \$0 cost sharing. While PrEP medications can be used as part of a regimen for treatment protocols of HIV, the USPSTF recommendation applies **only for prevention and not treatment**. Individuals who have been diagnosed with HIV will pay cost share in accordance with their plan coverage and benefits. Any treatment recommended or drugs prescribed for members with an HIV diagnosis or for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) will continue to have applicable Plan cost sharing.

### What to Expect?

Beginning 7/31/2021, KP is expanding HIV PrEP coverage to include baseline testing, monitoring, and lab services at \$0 on a **preventative basis** in addition to HIV PrEP medications/prescription drugs for all ACA compliant Plans with the ACA preventive package, **except** Medicare and non-grandfathered plans that have not opted into the ACA preventive package.

Standard member Plan cost sharing applies for covered services rendered on a **treatment basis** and providers are expected to bill accordingly, per terms of KP agreement.

Please continue to follow normal protocol when treating a member with an authorized referral as medically indicated for HIV PrEP and ensure that services rendered are properly documented and coded.

HIV PrEP Program services include the following:

- HIV PrEP medications/drugs (e.g., Truvada, Descovy, etc.)
- HIV testing, HIV PrEP initiation and monitoring labs, and STI screening and counseling (e.g., gonorrhea and chlamydia testing, syphilis blood testing, etc.)
- Hepatitis screening, including B and C testing
- Creatine testing and calculated estimated creatine clearance (eCrCl) or glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)
- Pregnancy testing
- Adherence counseling

### Provider Resources

KP is responsible for payment of authorized services only. Bills for covered services rendered to our KP members will be paid in accordance with the applicable terms of your KP agreement, less the member cost share if you have been directed by KP to collect such member cost share in accordance with your agreement. Providers may verify members' eligibility, benefits and cost share structure as you do today, either through your Online Affiliate account or by contacting the KP Member Services Call Center at (888) 576-6789.

Sincerely,

Kaiser Permanente