**MED D – Coverage for PrEP for HIV Prevention**

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**Description:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed national coverage for PrEP for HIV Prevention.

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| Overview |

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is preparing to finalize a change to coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), when used for HIV prevention. Coverage will transition from Medicare **Part D** to Medicare **Part B** with a $0 copay and no deductible. Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and treatment of HIV infection remains covered under Medicare Part D, even though these may be the same drugs that are used for HIV PrEP.

Currently, HIV PrEP drugs may be covered under Medicare Part D and are typically subject to a deductible and coinsurance or co-pay.

Note that there are differences between **PrEP**, **PEP**, and **HIV treatment**:

* **PrEP:** Medicine used to keep a healthy person from getting the HIV virus. It’s taken **before**a person will be exposed to the virus.
* **PEP:** Medicine used to keep a healthy person from getting the HIV virus. It’s taken **after**a person was already exposed to the virus.
  + **Example:** It could be used after an accidental needle stick injury.
* **HIV treatment:** Medicine used to suppress the HIV virus in a person who has already gotten the virus. HIV treatment usually involves multiple medications used together.

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| FAQs |

Refer to the following:

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| **#** | **Question** | **Answer** |
|  | Why did my copay for PrEP change to $0? | Medicare now covers PrEP medications at a $0 copay when the medication is used for prevention. This will be covered using your Medicare Part B benefit. |
|  | Do I have to meet my Part B deductible? | No. PrEP medications are covered by Medicare B with a $0 copay. Medicare beneficiaries will not pay deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance. |
|  | What will Medicare Part B cover? | HIV PrEP medications when used for prevention of HIV will have a $0 copay. |
|  | What will Medicare Part D cover? | Medicare Part D will continue to cover drugs prescribed for HIV treatment or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Some medications indicated for PrEP can also be used as part of PEP and HIV treatment. When used for PrEP or treatment, these medications would be covered under Part D. |
|  | Am I eligible for the $0 copay? | Yes, if you are enrolled in Medicare Part B (either through Original Medicare or through a Medicare Advantage plan) and are using the medication for PrEP. |
|  | What medications are covered? | The following medications are currently prescribed for HIV PrEP.   * Truvada and generic versions (Emtricitabine-Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate) * Descovy * Apretude |
|  | How do I pay $0 for PrEP? | Your pharmacy will need to bill your prescription for PrEP to your Medicare Part B plan (which could be original Medicare, Medicare Advantage with prescription drug, Med Supp or even an employer plan. The pharmacy will need to append a valid diagnosis code (ICD-10 CM) to the claim to indicate the drug was prescribed for PrEP.  If you are using Apretude and you get it administered in your doctor’s office, your doctor’s office may also choose to supply it for you and bill it to your Part B plan. |
|  | My pharmacy does not fill Medicare Part B medications. | **For MAPD:**  Members aren’t required to go to a Part B covered pharmacy and are able to use the pharmacy network.  **For PDP:**  You will need to use a Part B Billing pharmacy. I can provide you with a list of pharmacies in your area. Refer to [Compass - Pharmacy Search and Details](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=ede79ef0-e196-481c-9f1b-c4ea562d9025). |
|  | **CCR Only:** If paid claim or test claim settlement codes include the message “PrEP coverable under Part B for $0.” | Advise the beneficiary that the medication may be covered under Part B.  Contact the pharmacy to advise them the claim can be processed under Part B. |
|  | I have PDP EGWP with Other Health Insurance. | If your plan provides additional coverage for prescription drugs not included in your Medicare Part D benefit, these drugs may continue to be covered. However, you may have a cost share if the drug is filled under this additional coverage. |
|  | For Part B claims at Mail Order, the system may show the claim paying at the plan’s coinsurance amount instead of paying with a $0 cost-share. | Customer Care will not need to request a coverage determination. There is a workaround that will reprocess the claim at the correct $0 cost-share. The reprocessing will occur within the week of the date of fill. |
|  | I received a letter. | Refer to:   * [MED D - PrEP Provider Letter](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=46070cdb-207d-478c-ad74-3e7461dba4d0) * [MED D - PrEP Member Letter – AMRx](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=fba667fe-f50b-4bc0-bdd8-51f6d8acbdec) * [MED D - PrEP Member Letter -Allina](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=cdff66c6-6fb4-4eed-a6d7-4dd2c86ef651) * [MED D - PrEP Member Letter - PDP](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=ba8628a0-453a-49e0-a1ba-277e08df1e3c) * [MED D - PrEP Member Letter - MAPD](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=8555aeb7-47a4-4a42-9602-6e6f354aab54) |

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