

Caraconference 2024

**Advocacy and Action:
HIV Policy as Health Care**

September 16–20





We are Greater Cincinnati's HIV nonprofit devoted to positively changing lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS through:

Prevention

Promoting health and well-being in at-risk communities through evidence-based approaches to prevent disease and reduce the spread of HIV

Housing

Offering a variety of permanent housing support to prevent homelessness and to stabilize individuals living with HIV and their families

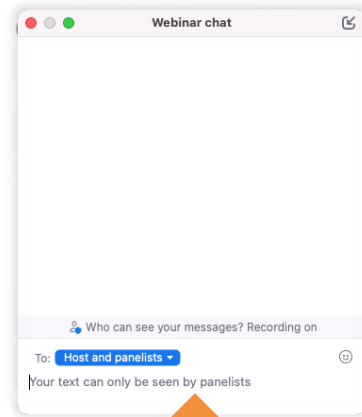
Care

Helping individuals living with HIV access the health care they need through medical case management and pharmacy services

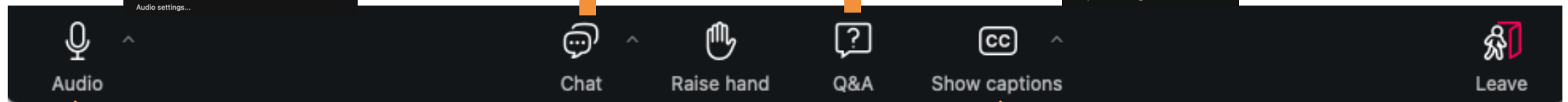
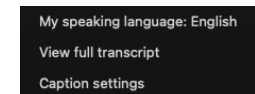
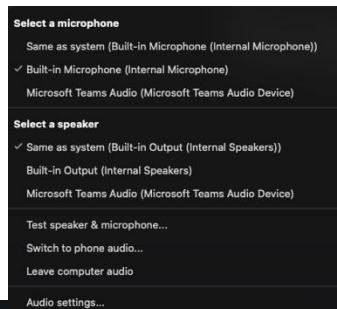
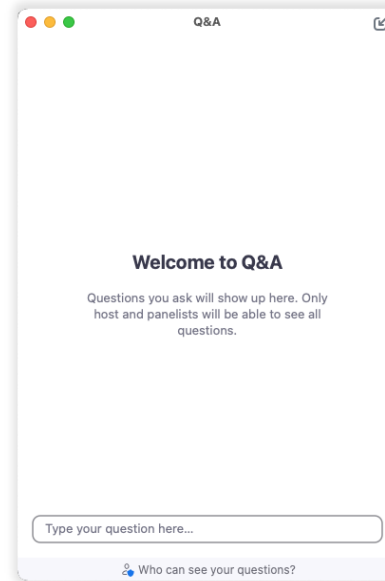
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Evaluations and Credits

Evaluations recommended for all attendees

Required for CECs

- Link in today's chat and as a post-webinar pop-up
- Must be completed by end of business day (5:00 PM ET) today

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Thursday, September 19

The Promise of PrEP Versus the Reality of Access

Presenter: Akeem Rollins, BS, MPH Candidate



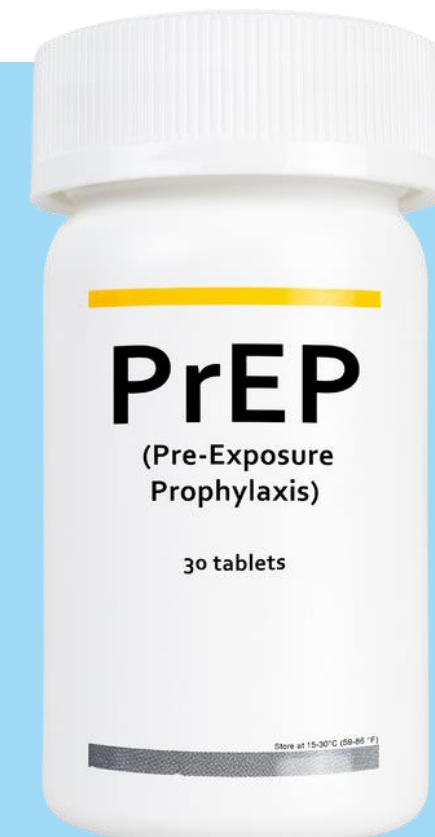
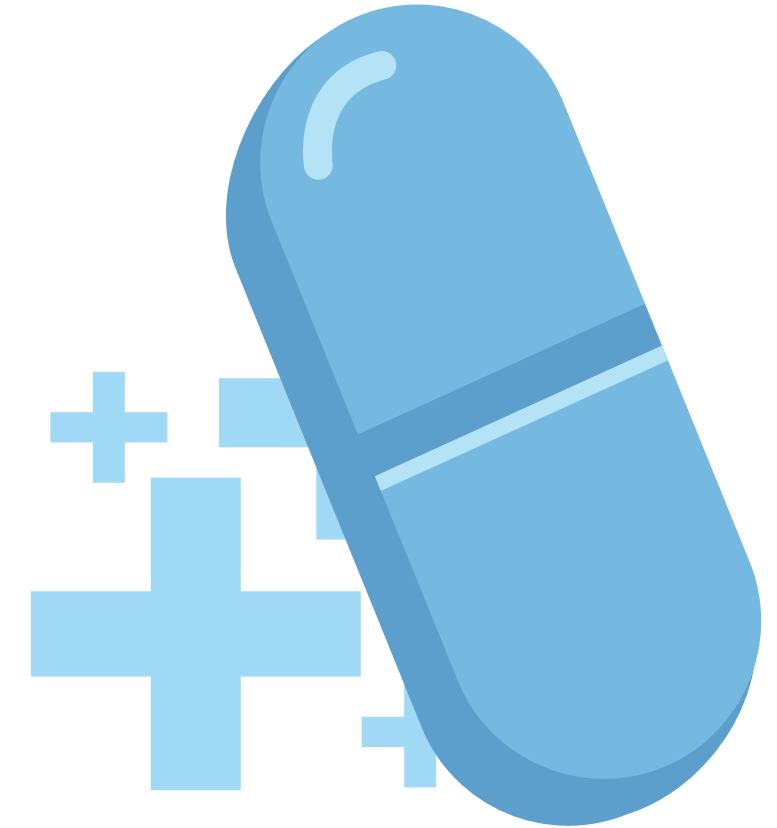
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Objectives for Today

1. Identify levels of PrEP utilization in different at-risk communities.
2. Discuss medical mistrust in the context of HIV prevention
3. Explore the myriad of barriers that work against PrEP access for those highly marginalized communities.
4. Learn how evidence-based community approaches increase PrEP utilization among highly marginalized communities.

Promise vs Reality of PrEP

From Development to Distribution



Content Outline

01. What I do; EIS, Navigation, Research

02. Access: Progress and Barriers

03. Hear from a PrEP Patient - Q & A

04. Questions and Wrap-Up



What I do

PrEP Navigation

- Past, Present, Future Patients
- Gilead/Merck/ViiV/MyGoodDays/PAF/PAN
 - Assistance Programs
 - Co-pay cards
- PAPI
 - (Patient Assistance Program Intervention - ODH)
- Insurance
- Prior Authorizations
- EPIC (Medical Record System)
- Education
- Counseling

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What I do



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EIS

PrEP & PEP

- Prevention Services
- PEP and PrEP Navigation
- Rapid Start and Dx assistance
- Transportation and Pharmacy Support
- “Wall and mallet”

RESEARCH

- Project CERCEI
- PrEPSUP



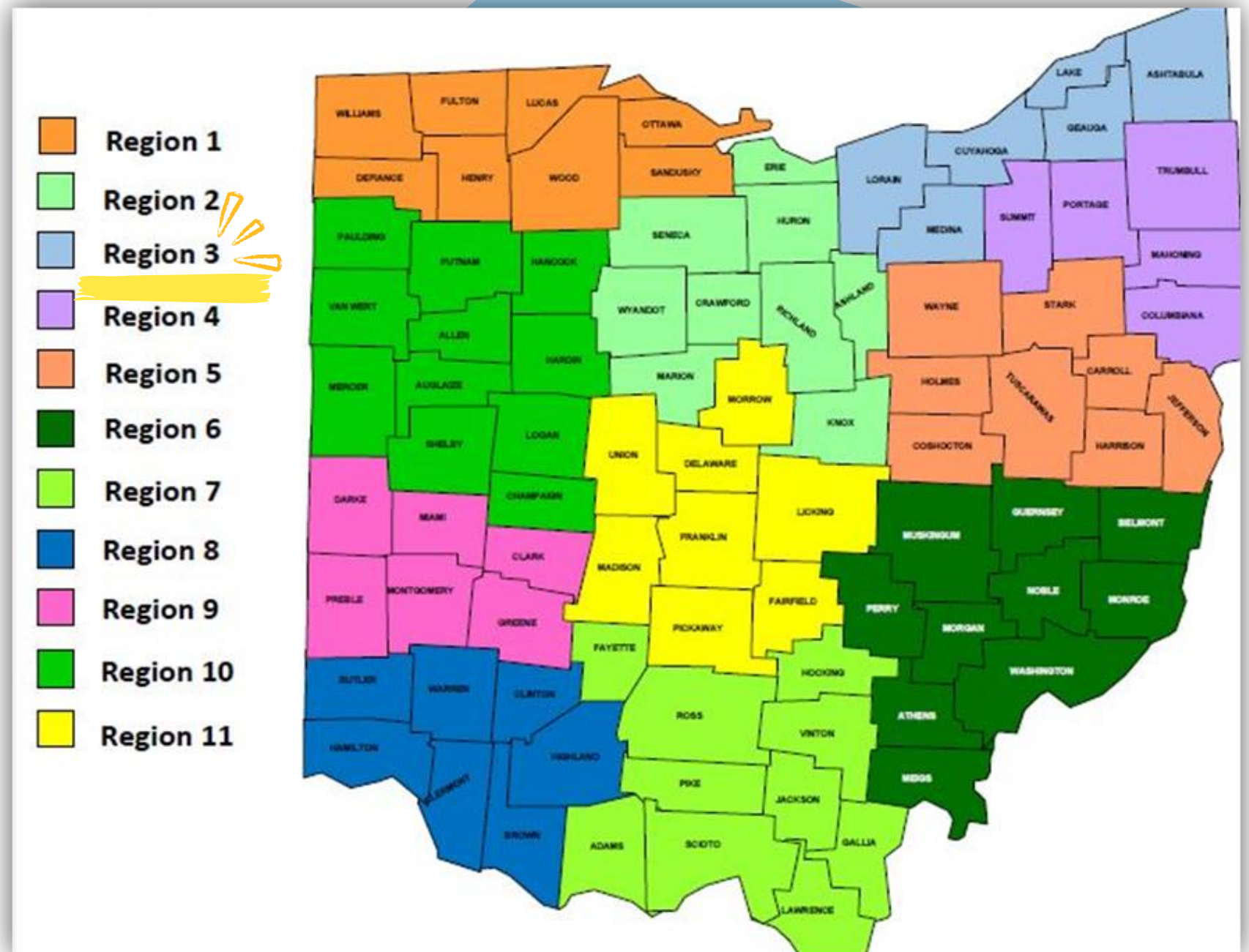
PAPI PROGRAM

ODH Program

- PrEP assistance program
- Began in 2019
- Developed by ODH and regional PrEP workgroups
- For Ohio residents
- To qualify:
 - Live in Ohio
 - Be HIV negative
 - Income: \leq \$72,900 (500% of the Federal Poverty Guideline)
- Pays PAPI Providers directly
- Med office visits and labs
- Does not pay for drug

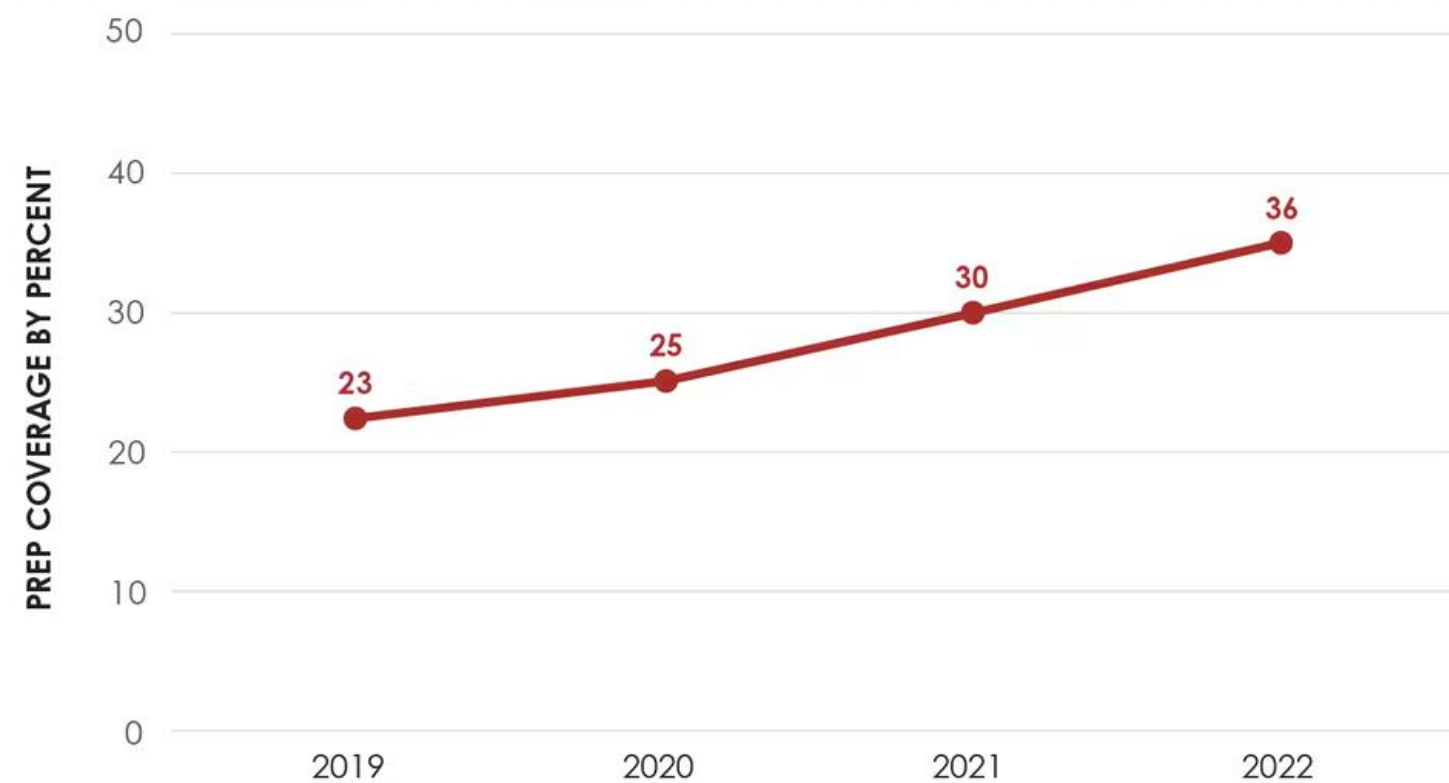
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What I do



Reality of PrEP Access

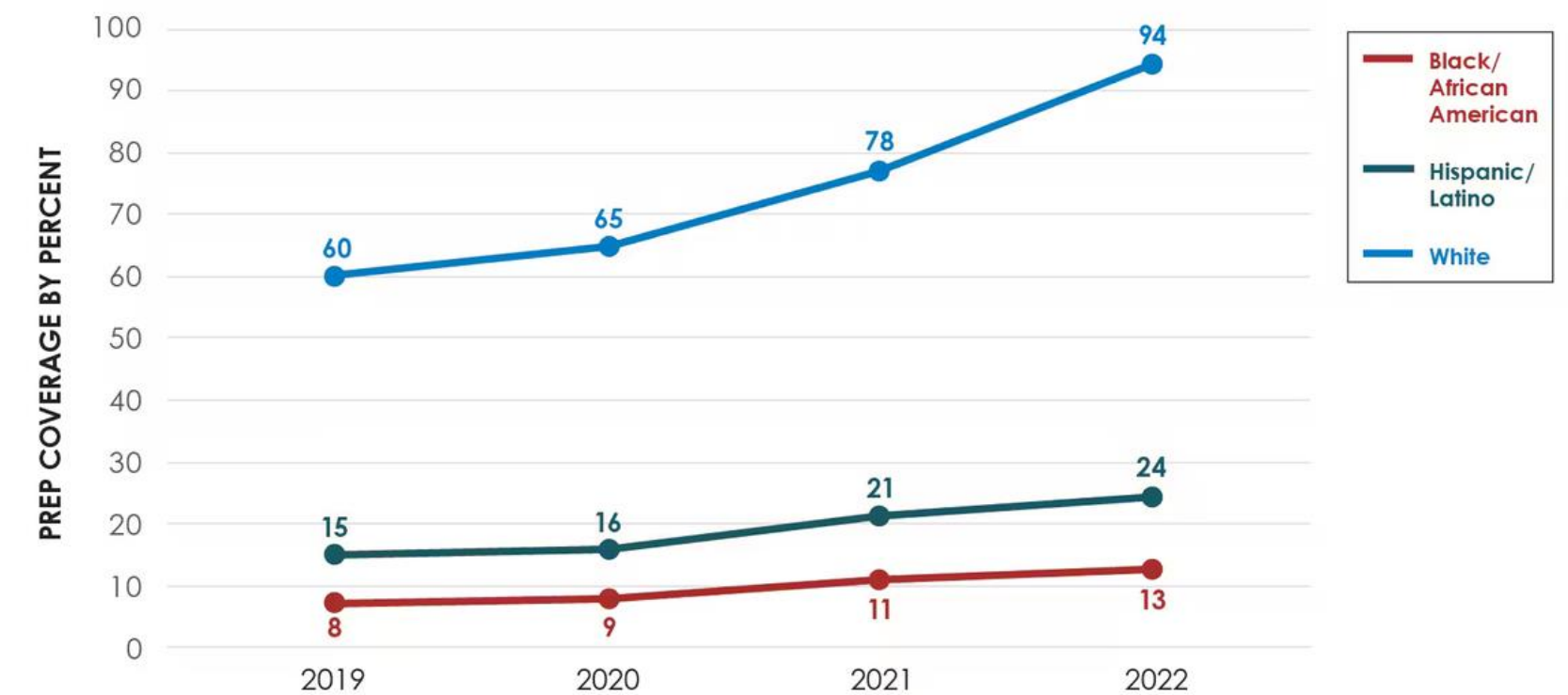
OVERALL TRENDS IN PrEP PRESCRIPTIONS AMONG PEOPLE WHO COULD BENEFIT, 2019-2022*



*Data are preliminary.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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TRENDS IN PrEP PRESCRIPTIONS AMONG PEOPLE WHO COULD BENEFIT, BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2019-2022*



*Data are preliminary. The data on PrEP prescriptions by race and ethnicity are limited, and findings are estimated.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Realities of PrEP Care

Barriers

- Providers
 - Hesitancy
 - Knowledge
 - Other reasons
- Insurance coverage
 - Medicaid/Marketplace/Employer/etc.
- Time
- Structural barriers
- Education and Vulnerability Awareness
- Costs
- Stigma

Source: NIH and CDC

Progress

- COVID - Telehealth access
- USPSTF - PrEP Grade A

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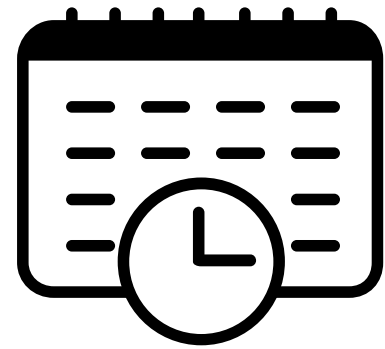


Key Opportunities

A Favorable Landscape



Data



Timing



Support



**Structural
Changes**



**Policy
Changes**

Policy - H.R. 4392; S. 2188 and Braidwood Management v. Becerra



- H.R. 4392; S. 2188; PrEP Access and Coverage Act
 - Introduced by democrats Sen. Tina Smith and Rep. Adam Schiff in June 2023
 - Would require priv/pub insurance with no cost-sharing to patients
 - Grant programs for states/territories for uninsured patients
 - Referred to Subcommittee on Health Affairs in August 2023
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- Braidwood v. Becerra
 - Conservative Texas court
 - Judged in favor of plaintiff... with restrictions
 - “Error” for Judge O’Connor to block all USPSTF requirements nationwide
 - Preventive care in jeopardy

Let's Hear from a PrEP Patient

Emmanuel Harvey (they/he)

Educator, creative, model, and health ambassador for HIV Testing and Treatment programs in Cleveland, OH. They started in public health as a Peer Educator for Planned Parenthood and graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.A. in Communication and Sociology. He focuses on promoting equity for Black queer individuals and improving access to care for all. In their free time, Emmanuel enjoys modeling, traveling, and sharing experiences on Instagram (@hazelthundrr).




Questions for Emmanuel



Question or Comments?

Get In Touch!

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