

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda

January 31, 4pm-5pm

Welcome and Introductions

1. Status Update

- ***Enrollment Update***

- 1/21/2014 - 408 ACA applications completed (see Attachment)
- Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) coverage
 - § Extended to March 31, 2014
 - § Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will continue to pay PCIP premiums and cost shares for clients until they are enrolled into ACA plans.
- VDH staff continues efforts to schedule insurance enrollment appointments with community enrollment sites
- Where insurance coverage is unavailable for VDH approved plans - clients are being advised that this requirement will be waived until the next open enrollment period (66 clients have been identified in 2 areas of the state).
- Sue Rowland – Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS (VORA) - Medicaid expansion and how providers may offer input.

- ***Shortfall Scenario (if enrollment goal is not achieved)***

- Program Cost
 - § \$39.7M if 3,000 enrolled in ACA, with current resources resulting in an \$18.6M shortfall.
 - § Enrolling fewer than 3,000 clients will increase the program cost and increase the shortfall.
 - § VDH is pursuing additional funds from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [\$11M] and the General Assembly [\$3.9M] to reduce shortfall (see Attachment)

2. Challenges with Affordable Care Act (ACA) Enrollment

- ***Plan Selection Update***

- Each insurance plan was evaluated to assure that it met HRSA requirement of covering antiretrovirals (ARVs) on ADAP formulary (see Attachment)
- Anthem does not meet requirements. Does not cover Complera or Stribild
- **ACTION ITEM**– Letter to Anthem from ADAP Advisory Committee (AAC)

- ***Involving Community Partners***

- Community sites assisting with client enrollment into ACA plans
- Parts A, C, D, and insurance revenue towards other costs
- **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Medical visit and lab cost shares
- UVA/Inova - approaches to managing patient costs

- ***Communication Plan*** – clients/providers (see Attachment)

3. Questions and Answers/Closing of Call

Attachment

Enrollment Update:

| Date | Total Clients in ADAP | ACA Enrollment Goal | Completed ACA Applications | ACA First Premium Paid* |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/21/2014 | 5,231 | 3,000 | 408 (15% of goal) | 186 |

* ADAP pays the client premium as soon as the application is approved by the insurance company (2-3 weeks), which activates the coverage.

Resource information:

General Assembly Report:

[http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/RD2682013/\\$file/RD268.pdf](http://leg2.state.va.us/dls/h&sdocs.nsf/By+Year/RD2682013/$file/RD268.pdf)

State Budget Amendment for ADAP:

https://solutions.virginia.gov/pbreports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=OB_DocView&Param1=261896

Plan Selection:

Several factors were evaluated before authorizing coverage of any VDH approved insurance plans with ADAP funding to assure that the plans were cost effective and met Federal ADAP requirements. Factors included: cost analysis to determine if the cost of paying for insurance was less than, or equal to, the cost of paying for direct medications through ADAP; method of premium payments accepted; analyzing the coverage of current Ryan White providers within the plan's network; coverage of ADAP formulary medications (ARV's and OI drugs); and out of pocket requirements related to medications. In addition the evaluation included reviewing the geographical coverage of the plans across Virginia.

Communication Plan:

- Weekly communication to all stakeholders via email list-serve.
- Letters sent to all enrolled clients, Providers, and Health Departments, once insurance premiums have been paid to inform clients of how to use insurance and to inform Providers that clients have been enrolled in insurance.
- Newly enrolled ADAP clients will receive a letter with instruction to apply for ACA and be approved for Direct ADAP for 45 days.
- Patient Navigators are distributing wallet cards to ADAP clients with information to contact ADAP Hotline for medication access information and details on how to enroll in insurance plans.
- Flyers and fact sheets regarding ACA insurance for ADAP clients will be distributed to provider and contract sites.
- Phone calls to all ADAP clients who have not enrolled are being made by VDH staff.
- VDH- HIV Care Services office hours have been extended: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.