



# Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)



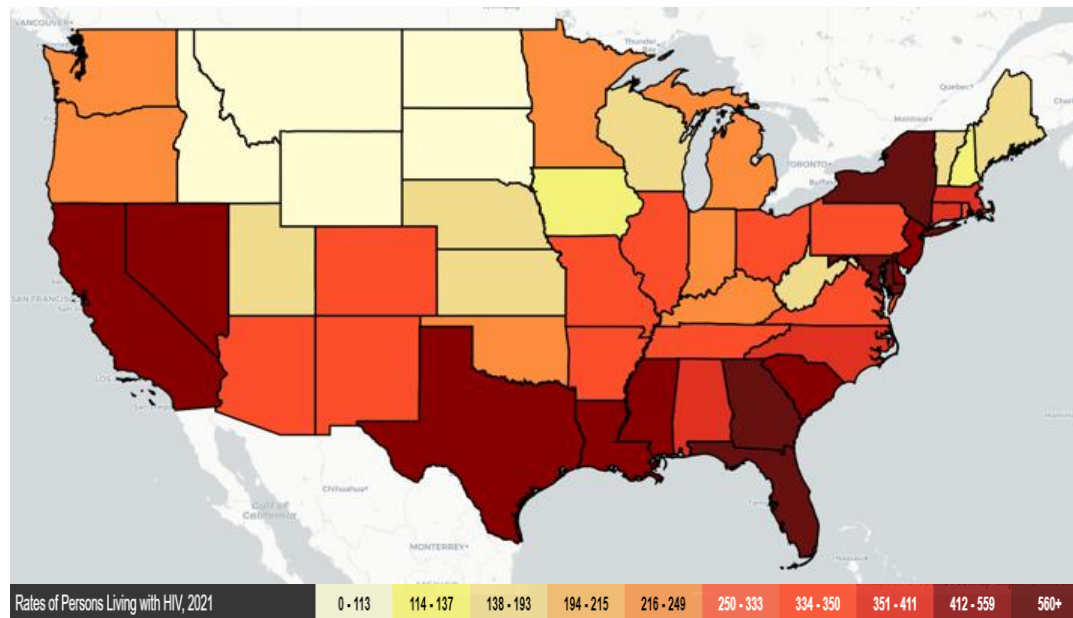
## **UPDATE OF THE PROGRAM**

John Haines, Pharm.D.  
September 2023

## What is the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program?

- Also known as SPBP in PA
- Ryan White Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- ▣ 50 states
- ▣ D.C.
- ▣ Puerto Rico
- ▣ US Virgin Islands
- ▣ Guam



# Ryan White Program and parts

- Part A – Emerging Metropolitan & Transitional Grant Areas
- Part B – States & Territories (includes AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, i.e. SPBP)
- Part C – Early Intervention Services & Capacity Development Grants
- Part D – Services for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Their Families
- Part F – AIDS Education & Training Centers (AETC), Dental Program, & Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)
- Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)
- Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

# ➤ Congress appropriations 2023

- Ryan White Program across the US
  - ▣ Part B base - \$464,565,000
  - ▣ ADAP earmark - \$900,313,000
  - ▣ Other parts (i.e. A, C, D, F, SPNS, EHE) - \$1,206,163,000
  - ▣ Total - \$2,571,041,000



# Ryan White Program core services

## Core services

- AIDS drug assistance program treatments (ADAP)
- AIDS pharmaceutical assistance (local or community based)
- Early intervention services (EIS)
- Health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance for low-income individuals
- Home and community-based health services
- Home health care
- Hospice
- Medical case management, including treatment adherence services
- Medical nutrition therapy
- Mental health services
- Oral health care
- Outpatient/ambulatory health services
- Substance abuse outpatient care

# Ryan White Program support services

## Support services

- Child care services
- Emergency financial assistance
- Food bank/home delivered meals
- Health education/risk reduction
- Housing
- Legal services
- Linguistic services
- Medical transportation
- Non-medical case management services
- Other professional services
- Outreach services
- Permanency planning
- Psychosocial support services
- Referral for health care and support services
- Rehabilitation services
- Respite care
- Substance abuse services (residential)

# Purpose of ADAP



State-administered program authorized under Ryan White Part B for low-income clients living with HIV who have limited or no healthcare coverage



Provide U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications to:

Treat HIV

Prevent the deterioration of health arising from HIV (including the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections)

# ▶ ADAP legislative requirements

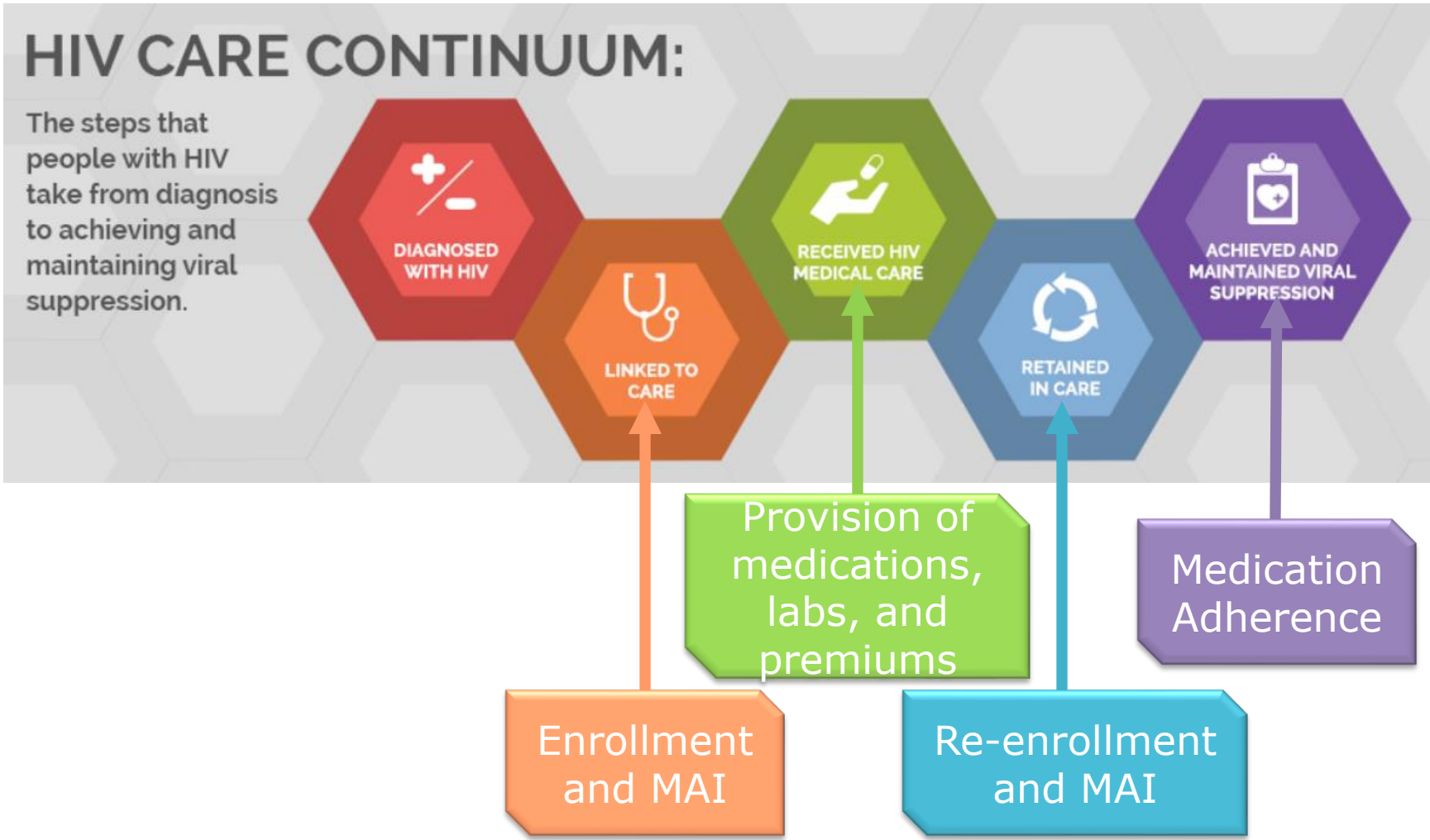
- Ensure the medication from each of the core antiretroviral drug classes are provided
- Provide assistance for the purchase of treatments determined to be eligible and any such ancillary devices necessary for administration
- Provide outreach to individuals with HIV
- Facilitate access to treatments for individuals
- Document the process made in making therapeutics available to eligible individuals
- Encourage, support, and enhance adherence to treatment regimens
- Ensure ADAP is payer of last resort



# ▶ Pennsylvania Funding 2022-23

- Program funding:
  - ▾ Ryan White Part B base grant - \$10,864,163
  - ▾ Ryan White Part B ADAP earmark - \$26,071,417
  - ▾ Pharmaceutical rebates - \$73,869,950
  - ▾ Insurance recoveries - \$6,762,219
  - ▾ Total - \$117,567,749

# Continuum of care



# Bulletin from 1987

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT

Coverage for AZT (Retrovir)

BY  
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Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance

DATE OF ISSUE  
November 6, 1987

SUBJECT

Coverage for AZT (Retrovir)

### Purpose

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of a Public Health Service Grant to cover azidothymidine (AZT) for medically needy only (MNO) recipients.

### Scope

This bulletin is applicable to all enrolled providers who can prescribe or dispense drugs in the Medical Assistance Program.

### Background

Burroughs Wellcome Company markets azidothymidine (AZT) as Retrovir to prolong the life of a person with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or AIDS Related Complex (ARC).

The Department of Public Welfare received a Public Health Service Grant to cover the cost of AZT for low income individuals with AIDS. This grant is not an entitlement program.

### Discussion

Currently, categorically needy (blue card) recipients can obtain Retrovir under the Medical Assistance Program. MNO (green card) recipients can not receive this service. Therefore, the Department targeted the funds from this grant for the MNO recipients who do not have other third party drug coverage.

Medical assistance will cover Retrovir for MNO recipients from August 17, 1987, through September 30, 1988, or until grant funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

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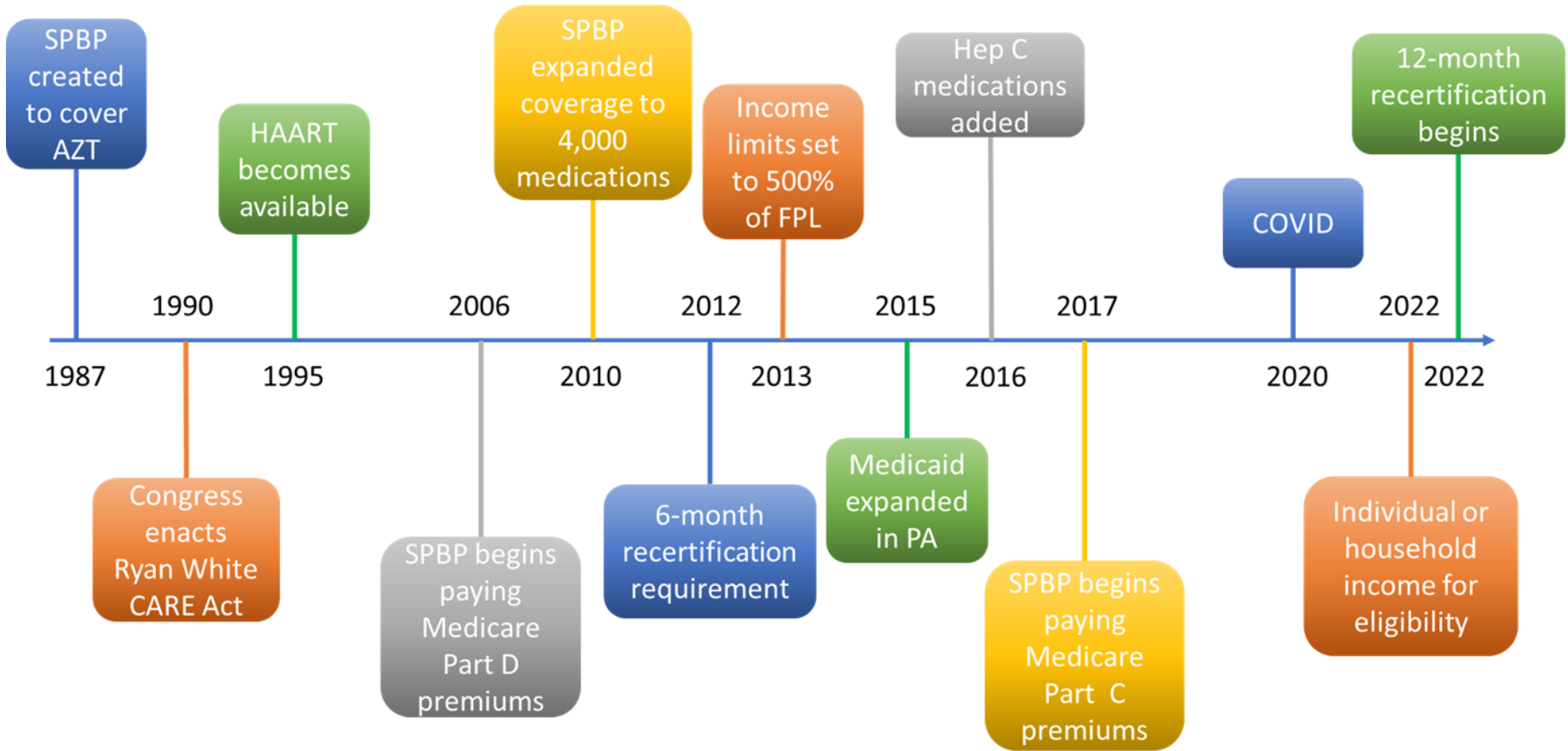
COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:  
Bureau of Provider Relations OR CALL THE APPROPRIATE TOLL-FREE  
P.O. Box 8024 NUMBER FOR YOUR PROVIDER TYPE.  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105

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# Timeline of SPBP



# Program eligibility



Have a diagnosis of HIV



Live in Pennsylvania



Individual or household income less than or equal to 500% of the federal poverty level



Cannot be enrolled in Medicaid with full prescription benefits

Exception: Individuals dually enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare with prescription coverage are eligible for SPBP

# 2023 income limits

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

### INCOME CEILING FOR ALL SP1 APPLICANTS

EFFECTIVE: On and after 1/16/2023



ALLOWANCES ALL APPLICANTS	ALL APPLICANTS
\$25,700.00 Each	\$72,900.00
SINGLE	\$72,900.00
1	\$98,600.00
2	\$124,300.00
3	\$150,000.00
4	\$175,700.00

# How to enroll

- [www.health.pa.gov/spbp](http://www.health.pa.gov/spbp)

## Application

A person can apply online.

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- Fillable electronic applications and paper applications are available
- Alternating full and express applications
- 12-month enrollment



# ▶ Covered services

- Medications
- Lab testing
- Medicare Part C and D premiums





# Medication coverage



Approximately 4,000 medications are covered



Over 2,700 pharmacies are in-network



Covered drugs must be listed on the SPBP drug formulary and billed by an in-network pharmacy

# Uninsured and insured individuals

## For uninsured individuals

- SPBP will pay the full cost of covered medications

## For individuals with other insurance

- SPBP will cover out of pocket costs (i.e. deductibles, copays) for clients secondary to the other insurance plan(s)
- SPBP will pay the full cost for drugs not covered by the primary plan if they are listed on the SPBP drug formulary
- All other prescription coverage must be billed prior to SPBP

# List of covered drugs

- HIV treatment medications (antiretrovirals)
- Selected brand name, generic, and over-the-counter (OTC) non-antiretroviral drugs, biologics, and devices
- Specific nutrients and nutritional agents
- Drugs, biologics, and devices must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- All drugs (Rx and OTC) on the formulary require a written prescription from a licensed medical provider

# New drugs/drug classes added recently

- HIV treatment medications
  - ▣ Combination injectable integrase inhibitor/non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor – Cabenuva (cabotegravir/rilpivirine)
  - ▣ Injectable HIV capsid inhibitor – Sunlenca (lenacapavir)
- Contraceptives
- Weight loss medications
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) treatment agents

## Did you know these products are covered by SPBP?

- Hepatitis C medications
- Vaccines
- Wearable diabetes treatment devices
- Diabetic supplies
- Narcan/naloxone
- Smoking cessation agents



# Types of excluded products

- Drugs prescribed for the symptomatic relief of cough and colds
- Drugs when used to promote fertility
- Drugs when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth
- Placebos
- Nonlegend soaps, cleansing agents, dentifrices, mouthwashes, douche solutions, ear wax removal agents, deodorants, liniments, antiseptics, irrigants, emollients, and other personal care and medicine chest items
- Nonlegend aqueous saline solutions for use other than for intravenous administration
- Nonlegend water preparations, such as distilled water, water for injection, and identical, similar or related products
- Drugs approved prior to the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) program
- Agents when used for the treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction

# In-network pharmacies



## Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP)

### Pharmacy Network

Updated July 24, 2023

Alphabetical by Pharmacy

#### A

Pharmacy Name	Address	City	State	Zipcode
A & F PHARMACY	3200 FRANKFORD AVENUE	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19134
A & G PHARMACY SERVICE, INC.	2665 BRODHEAD ROAD	ALIQUIPPA	PA	15001
A & W PHARMACY, INC	2623 EAST WESTMORELAND STREET	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19134
A PLUS PHARMACY INC	13023 BUSTLETON AVENUE	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19116
ABINGTON PHARMACY	1460 YORK ROAD	ABINGTON	PA	19001
ACADEMY PHARMACY	10101 ACADEMY ROAD	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19114
ACCREDITO HEALTH	1620 CENTURY CTR PARKWAY, SUITE 109	MEMPHIS	TN	38134
ACCREDITO HEALTH	201 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD	NASHVILLE	TN	37228
ACCREDITO HEALTH	6272 LEE VISTA BOULEVARD	ORLANDO	FL	32822
ACCREDITO HEALTH	45 ROUTE 46 EAST, SUITE 609	PINE BROOK	NJ	07058
ACCREDITO HEALTH	3000 ERICSSON DRIVE, SUITE 100	WARRENDALE	PA	15086
ACME PHARMACY # 2693	643 CONCHESTER HIGHWAY	BOOTHWYN	PA	19061
ACME PHARMACY # 299	2101 COTTMAN AVENUE #41	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19149
ACME PHARMACY # 2833	7700 CRITTENDEN STREET	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19118
ACORX	520 EAST MAIN STREET	CARNEGIE	PA	15106
ACRO PHARMACEUTICAL SVCS LLC	313 HENDERSON DRIVE	SHARON HILL	PA	19079
ADAMS-CUMBERLAND MED CTR PHC	3463 BIGLERVILLE ROAD	BIGLERVILLE	PA	17307
ADAMS DISCOUNT PHARMACY	241 KESWICK AVENUE	GLENSIDE	PA	19038
ADVOCATE PHARMACY	535 S. BROAD ST.	LANSDALE	PA	19446
ADZEMA PHARMACY	8105 PERRY HIGHWAY	PITTSBURGH	PA	15237
AGH APOTHECARY	320 EAST NORTH AVENUE	PITTSBURGH	PA	15212
AHF PHARMACY	1211 CHESTNUT ST, SUITE 405	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19107
AHN PHARMACY #2	4800 FRIENDSHIP AVE, SUITE 1422	PITTSBURGH	PA	15224
AHN PHARMACY	12311 PERRY HIGHWAY, SUITE F	WEXFORD	PA	10590
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION	475 ATLANTIC AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR	BROOKLYN	NY	11217
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION	45 MELVILLE PARK ROAD	MELVILLE	NY	11747
ALBERT'S PHARMACY	70 N CHURCH ST	CARBONDALE	PA	18407
ALBERT'S PHARMACY	201 SOUTH MAIN STREET	PITTSBURGH	PA	18640



# SPBP drug copays

- The following copays apply to all active SPBP enrollees who receive covered medications at an in-network pharmacy.
  - ▣ Brand drugs – \$0
  - ▣ Generic drugs – \$0



# Days' supply maximum

- Retail pharmacy – 34 days or 100 units, whichever is greater
- Mail order pharmacy – 34 days or 100 units, whichever is greater
- Specialty pharmacy - 34 days or 100 units, whichever is greater

# ▶ Refill utilization minimum

- Retail pharmacy – 75% of days supplied
- Mail order pharmacy – 75% of days supplied
- Specialty pharmacy – 75% of days supplied

Early refill overrides for lost or stolen medications and vacation supplies can be requested by calling the SPBP customer service team at 800-922-9384

# Cost maximum per claim

- 1 to 34 days' supply - maximum cost limit is \$4,000 per claim
- 35 to 68 days' supply - maximum cost limit is \$8,000 per claim
- 69 days' supply or greater - maximum cost limit is \$12,000 per claim

Pharmacies should call the SPBP provider line at 800-835-4080 for overrides of claim costs submitted above these amounts.

# Medication adherence



Goal of the program is to improve medication adherence of clients through pharmacist led consultations with providers and clients directly



Currently reviewing adherence to:

- HIV antiretrovirals
- Antihypertensives
- Antidiabetic medications
- Antidepressants

# Current focus of adherence program

- Outreach to newer providers, providers triggering with the most outliers, and outreach to multiple providers within the same office
- Develop and maintain relationships with main points of contacts in offices for ease of future outreach
- Work with provider offices to identify good candidates for medication management
- Heightened focus on member outreach and practitioner follow up on high-risk cases

# Current adherence consultations

Adherence Review Type	Unique Providers Identified	Unique Members Identified
HIV antiretrovirals	376	1,723
Antihypertensives	312	475
Antidepressant	241	364
Antidiabetic	181	238
	1,110	2,800

## Current quarter consultations

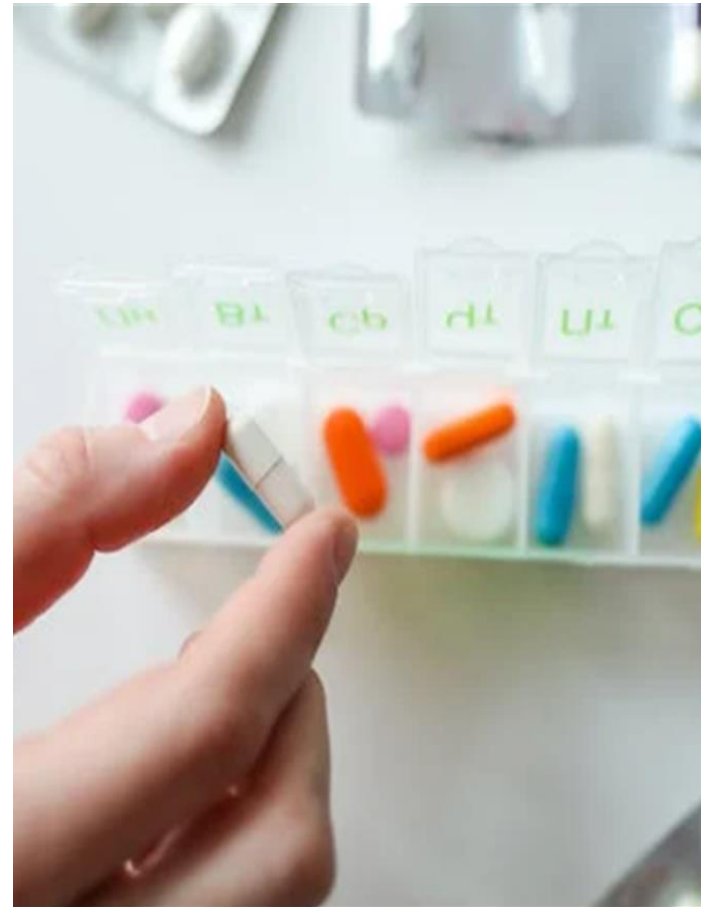
Provider consultations	71
Clients identified for medication management	39
Completed medication management consultations	18

# Medication adherence barriers

- Most common barriers to adherence reported by providers and clients are:
  - ▾ Lack of disease state education
  - ▾ Patients lost to follow up
  - ▾ Travel/relocation
  - ▾ Forgetfulness
  - ▾ Life event/stressors
  - ▾ Untreated/uncontrolled depression and other disease states
  - ▾ Hiding diagnosis status

# Solutions provided to improve adherence

- Alternative medication regimens that may better suit client's lifestyle (i.e. single drug regimen, long acting injectables)
- Patient disease state education
- Syncing multiple medication refills
- Setting up auto-refills
- 90-day supplies
- Mail delivery
- Phone alarm reminders
- Use of pill boxes





# Laboratory services



For recipients who have no other insurance coverage

Individuals with other insurance are not eligible for coverage of labs by SPBP



Service must be accessed through any Medicaid enrolled lab or provider that can submit lab claims electronically to SPBP using the PROMISE system



Lab claims billed to SPBP through PROMISE are billed the same way that a laboratory bills Medicaid, except the **SPBP ID** is submitted for the client instead of a Medicaid ID

# Covered lab tests



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### Covered Laboratory Services

Updated September 5, 2023

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
80047	METABOLIC PANEL IONIZED CA
80048	BASIC METABOLIC PANEL
80050	GENERAL HEALTH PANEL
80051	ELECTROLYTE PANEL
80053	COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL
80055	OBSTETRIC PANEL
80061	LIPID PANEL
80069	RENAL FUNCTION PANEL
80074	ACUTE HEPATITIS PANEL
80076	HEPATIC FUNCTION PANEL
80081	OBSTETRIC PANEL (INCLUDES HIV TESTING)
80150	AMIKACIN
80155	CAFFEINE
80156	CARBAMAZEPINE; TOTAL
80157	CARBAMAZEPINE; FREE
80158	CYCLOSPORINE
80159	CLOZAPINE
80162	DIGOXIN
80163	DIGOXIN; FREE
80164	DIPROPYLACETIC ACID (VALPROIC ACID)
80165	VALPROIC ACID (DIPROPYLACETIC ACID); FREE
80168	ETHOSUXIMIDE
80169	EVEROLIMUS
80170	GENTAMICIN



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### Provider Login

**\*User ID**

**Log In**

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### Broadcast Messages

**NOTE:** Providers will begin to receive communications from [donotreply@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:donotreply@gainwelltechnologies.com). Please be sure to check your spam folder and add this email address to your contact list to ensure receipt of notifications.

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# Lab network



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### Laboratory Network

Updated August 15, 2023

Alphabetical by Laboratory Name

A	Laboratory Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
	A2Z DIAGNOSTICS LLC	6 INDUSTRIAL WAY W, STE F19	EATONTOWN	NJ	07724
	ABINGTON HOSPITAL SPU	1200 OLD YORK RD	ABINGTON	PA	19001
	ABINGTON MEMORIAL HOSP MRU	1200 OLD YORK RD	ABINGTON	PA	19001
	ABINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1200 OLD YORK RD	ABINGTON	PA	19001
	ABINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OUTPT DEPT	1200 OLD YORK RD	ABINGTON	PA	19001
	ABSOLUTE GENOMICS PHL LLC	1300 OLD PLANK RD, STE 400	JERMYN	PA	18433
	ACCESS DX LABORATORY LLC	8920 KIRBY DR	HOUSTON	TX	77054
	ACCU REFERENCE MEDICAL LAB	1901 E LINDEN AVE, UNIT 4	LINDEN	NJ	07036
	ACULABS INC	2 KENNEDY BLVD	EAST BRUNSWICK	NJ	08816
	ACUPATH LABORATORIES INC	28 S TERMINAL DR	PLAINVIEW	NY	11803
	ACUTIS DIAGNOSTICS INC	728 LARKFIELD RD	EAST NORTHPORT	NY	11731
	ADAM DIAGNOSTIC LAB	101 US HIGHWAY 46, BUILDING 14 UNIT	PINE BROOK	NJ	07058
	ADAPTIVE BIOTECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION	1551 EASTLAKE AVE E, STE 200	SEATTLE	WA	98102
	ADULT & PEDIATRIC RHEUMA	175 MEADOWBROOK LN	DUNCANSVILLE	PA	16635
	ADVAITE INC	365 PHOENIXVILLE PIKE	MALVERN	PA	19355
	ADVANCED COMPREHENSIVE LABORATORY	67 E WILLOW ST	MILLBURN	NJ	07041
	ADVANCED GENOMICS LLC	5726 W HAUSMAN RD, STE 112	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78249
	ADVANCED MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS LLC	136 SUMMIT AVE, STE 100	MONTVALE	NJ	07645
	ADVANCED SURG HOSP PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	100 TRICH DR, STE 1	WASHINGTON	PA	15301
	ADVANCED SURGICAL HOSPITAL	100 TRICH DR, STE 1	WASHINGTON	PA	15301
	ADVANCED SURGICAL HOSPITAL LLC	100 TRICH DR STE 1	WASHINGTON	PA	15301
	ADVANTA TOXICOLOGY LLC	10935 COUNTY ROAD 159	TYLER	TX	75703
	ADVENTHEALTH POLK NORTH INC	40100 HIGHWAY 27	DAVENPORT	FL	33837
	ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM SUNBELT	601 E ROLLINS ST	ORLANDO	FL	32803
	AEGIS SCIENCES CORPORATION	515 GREAT CIRCLE RD	NASHVILLE	TN	37228
	AEMC-CENTER ONE-OUTPATIENT DEPTS	9880 BUSTLETON AVE	PHILADELPHIA	PA	19115
	AEMC-ELKINS PARK	60 TOWNSHIP LINE RD	ELKINS PARK	PA	19027
	AGH LAB DRAW MCCANDLESS OUTPT	8950 DUNCAN AVE STE 3	PITTSBURGH	PA	15237
	AHN BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD HOSPITAL	3290 SAW MILL RUN BLVD	PITTSBURGH	PA	15227
	AHN HARMAR NEIGHBORHOOD HOSPITAL	2501 FREEPORT RD	PITTSBURGH	PA	15238
	AHN HEMPFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD HOSPITAL	6321 STATE ROUTE 30	GREENSBURG	PA	15601



# Medicare Part C and Part D premium assistance



SPBP pays the full monthly premium for Medicare Part C (advantage) and Part D (drug) plans that have an agreement in place with SPBP



SPBP will auto-enroll eligible clients into a Medicare Part D plan if the client is not already enrolled

Silverscript Choice Part D plan  
Wellcare Classic Part D plan



The list of covered plans is available on the SPBP website at [www.health.pa.gov/spbp](http://www.health.pa.gov/spbp)

# List of Medicare plans with agreements



## Medicare Part C and D Plans with Premium Payment Agreements

# 2023

### Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program

\*Medicare Part D plans that accept electronic enrollment from SPBP

INSURANCE COMPANY	CONTRACT/ PLAN BENEFIT PACKAGE	PLAN NAME	PART C		PART D	
			AGREEMENT WITH SPBP	MONTHLY PREMIUM	AGREEMENT WITH SPBP	MONTHLY PREMIUM
AETNA HEALTH	H3931-004	AETNA MEDICARE PREMIER PLUS (HMO-POS)	N	\$61.90	Y	\$35.10
AETNA HEALTH	H3931-064	AETNA MEDICARE PREMIER (HMO-POS)	N	\$25.70	Y	\$41.30
AETNA HEALTH	H3931-070	AETNA MEDICARE SILVER (HMO)	N	\$16.50	Y	\$30.50
AETNA HEALTH	H3931-091	AETNA MEDICARE PinnacleHealth Prime (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3931-105	AETNA MEDICARE Philly Suburban Value (HMO-POS)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-001	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA GOLD (HMO)	N	\$9.10	Y	\$25.90
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-002	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA GOLD (HMO)	N	\$10.80	Y	\$24.20
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-010	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA SILVER (HMO-POS)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-011	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA SILVER (HMO-POS)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-032	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA PREMIER (HMO-POS)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-033	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA PREMIER (HMO)	N	\$5.40	Y	\$21.60
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-035	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA CARES (HMO D-SNP)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$32.70
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-036	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA CARES (HMO D-SNP)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$24.60
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-037	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA GOLD (HMO-POS)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-039	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA PREMIER (HMO-POS)	N	\$11.80	Y	\$11.20
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-045	AETNA MEDICARE PENNHIGHLANDS (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-046	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA Washington Prime (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-047	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA BUTLER Prime (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-049	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA EXCELA Prime (HMO-P)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-051	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA Beaver Valley Prime (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-052	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA Value (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-053	AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTRA Philly Prime (HMO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H3959-066	AETNA MEDICARE LONGEVITY Plan (HMO I-SNP)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$41.00
AETNA HEALTH	H5521-122	AETNA MEDICARE GOLD PLAN (PPO)	N	\$117.60	Y	\$58.40
AETNA HEALTH	H5521-261	AETNA MEDICARE VALUE (PPO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H5521-263	AETNA MEDICARE VALUE (PPO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
AETNA HEALTH	H5521-294	AETNA MEDICARE VALUE The Valley Plan (PPO)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00
BRAVO HEALTH PENNSYLVANIA	H3949-009	CIGNA TOTALCARE PLUS (HMO D-SNP)	N	\$0.00	Y	\$24.70
BRAVO HEALTH PENNSYLVANIA	H3949-013	CIGNA PREFERRED PLUS MEDICARE (HMO)	N	\$82.90	Y	\$35.10



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# SPBP data

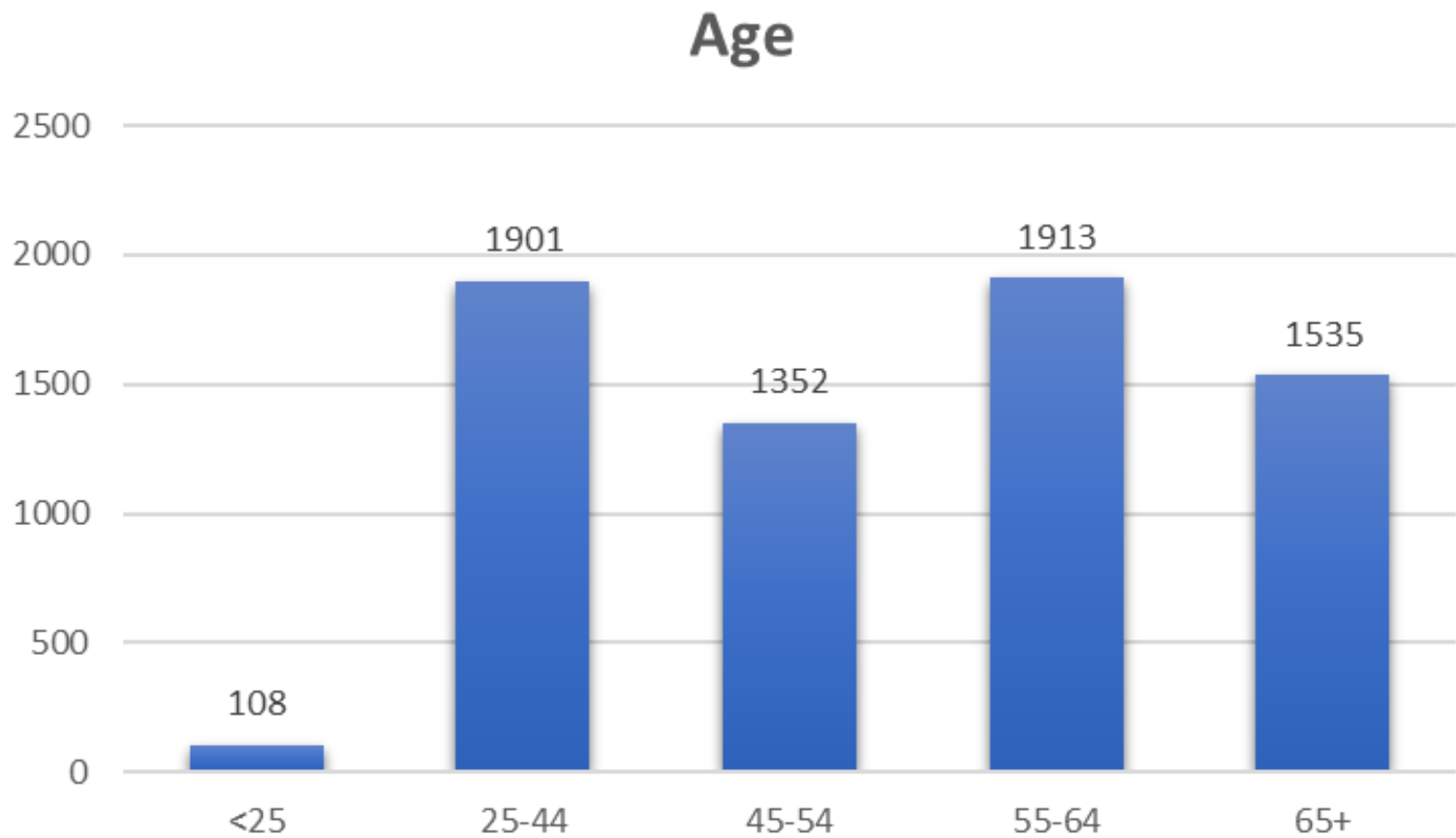


# ▶ 2022-23 Ryan White fiscal year

- Enrolled individuals – 6,809
- Average age – 53
- Age range – 5 to 92
- Total medications paid - \$72,227,360
- Total medication claims – 187,784
- Average cost per person – \$10,608
- Average cost per claim – \$385

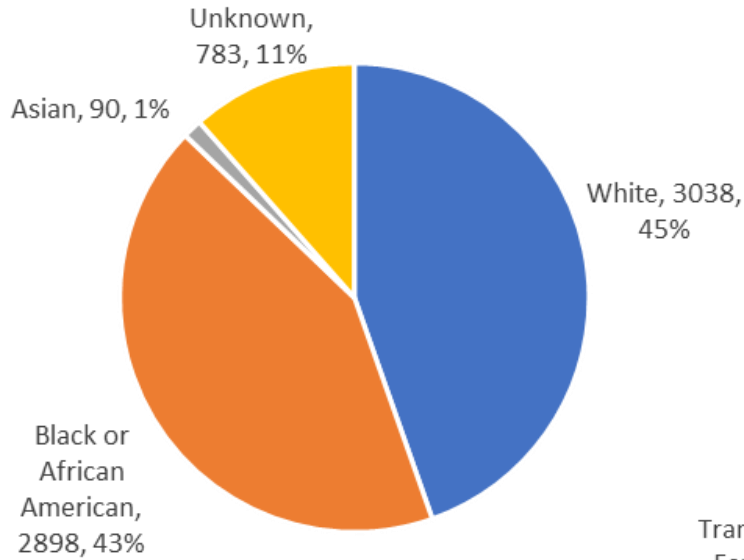


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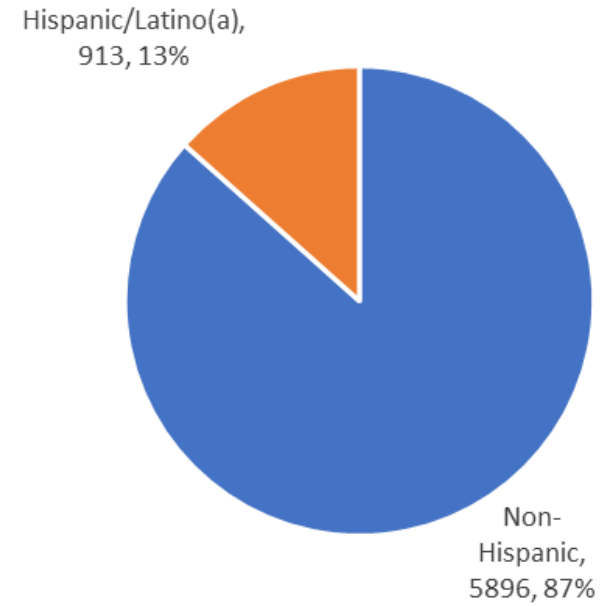


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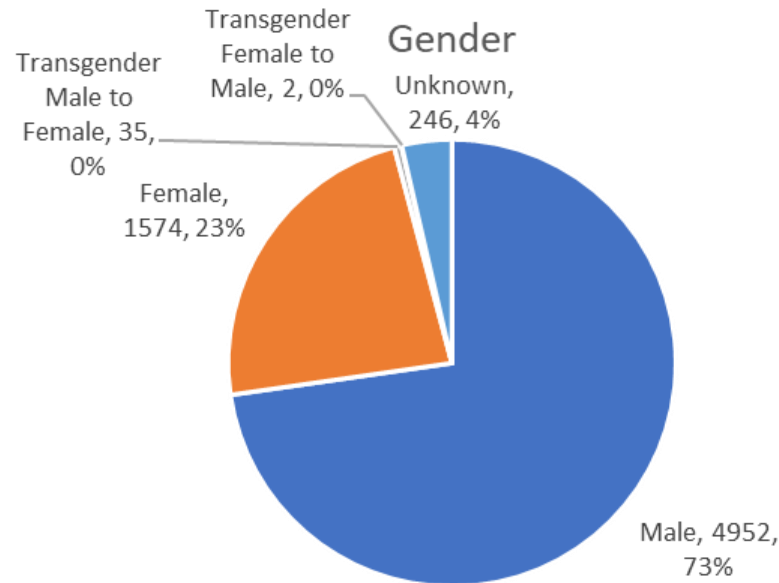
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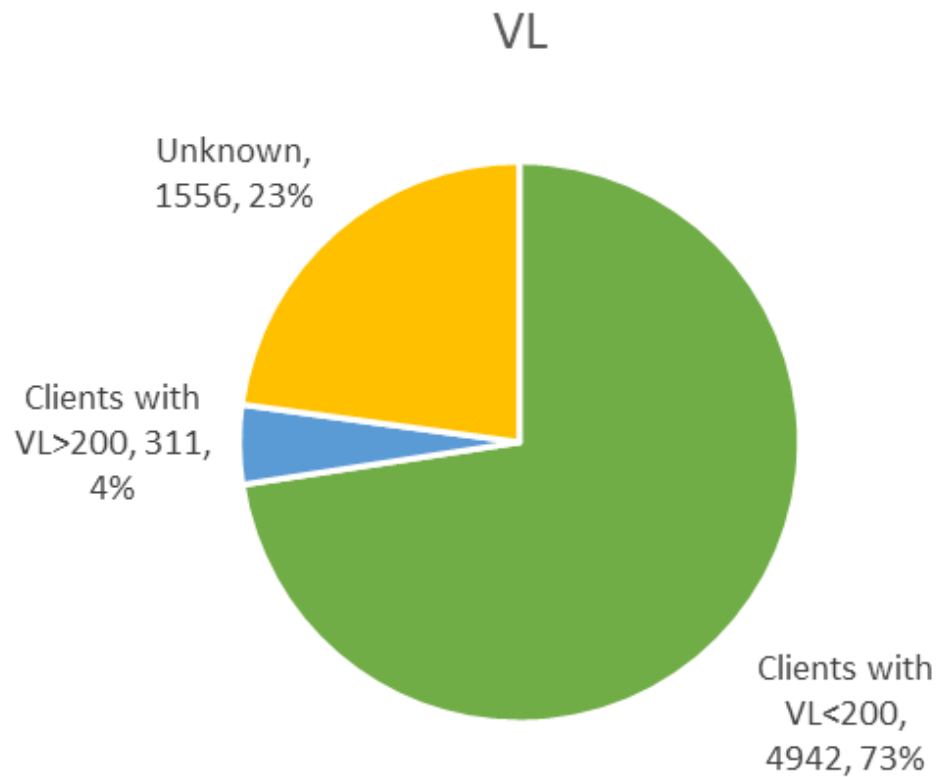
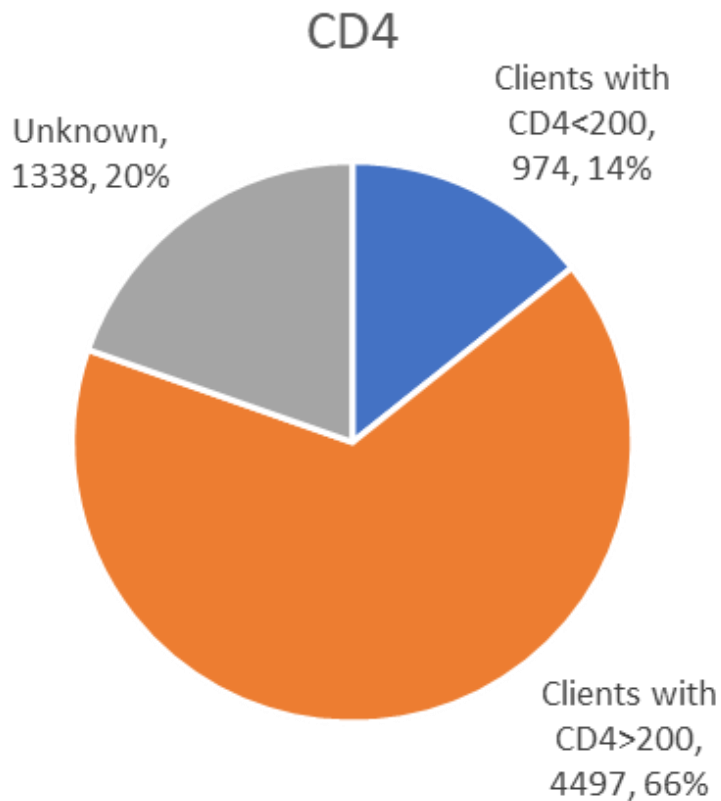
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# CD4 count and HIV viral load (VL)



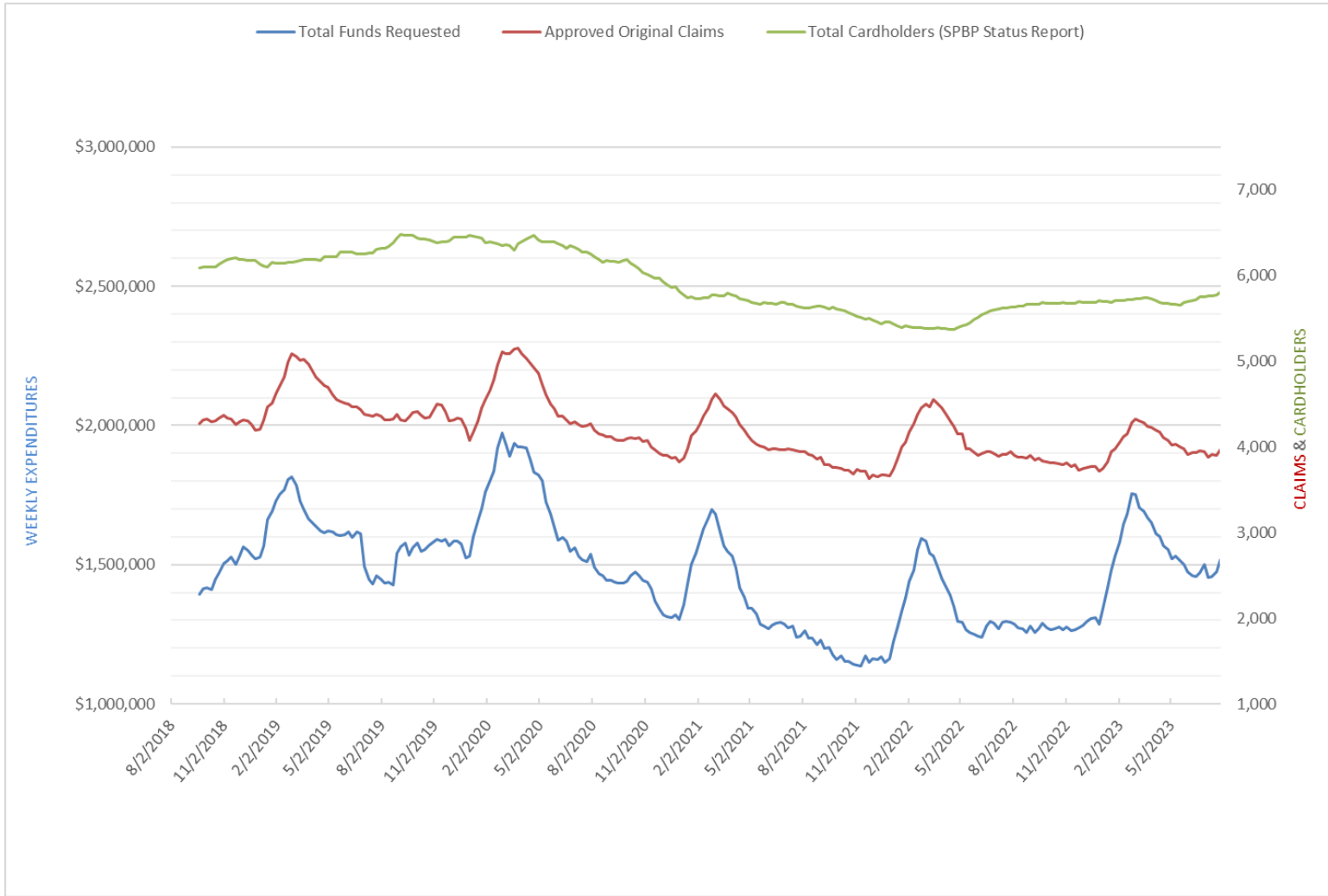
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16	ISENTRESS	↓ 3	211	\$80,356.16	240	\$132,852.36
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# Five-year trends



# SPBP customer service

- Handles an average of 1,000 calls per month
- Assists clients, case managers, and other callers regarding questions and issues related to SPBP
- Provides information on:
  - ▾ Enrollment status
  - ▾ Pended application resolution
  - ▾ Medicare Part C & D premiums
  - ▾ Medicaid expansion
  - ▾ Coordination of benefits
  - ▾ Medication and lab billing issues



# Types of Calls

- Top 3 reasons for calls to customer service
  - ▣ To check on status of enrollment
  - ▣ How to resolve pended applications
  - ▣ To request extensions of SPBP enrollment for individuals waiting for Medicaid enrollment
    - ▣ Individuals that appear eligible for Medicaid and not yet enrolled are required to apply to Medicaid
    - ▣ 3-months of SPBP coverage can be approved if eligible until individual is enrolled in Medicaid or found not to be eligible for Medicaid



# ▶ Pended Applications

- Top 3 reasons applications are pended
  - ▣ Missing information on documents submitted
  - ▣ Illegible documents submitted
  - ▣ Documents never received

# Pharmacy benefits manager

Magellan Rx Management serves as the pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) for SPBP

- Processes enrollment applications
- Verifies eligibility based on SPBP policies
- Provides ID cards to clients
- Manages a provider call line and Medicare premium assistance call line
- Processes drug claims and handles claim rejections
- Tracks and invoices for drug manufacturer rebates on behalf of the SPBP

# SPBP Advisory Council



Provides input and recommendations to SPBP concerning the SPBP drug formulary and program activities



The Advisory Council is made up of approximately 20 members from across the state

Comprised of recipients, clinicians, case managers, pharmacists, and other stakeholders

Accepts applications for membership at any time during the year and fills positions on an as-needed basis



Meetings held quarterly

Two conference calls and two in-person meetings

All meetings are open to the public

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# Eligibility

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## Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program

The Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) assists persons with HIV to obtain medication, pay for some laboratory services, and provide premium assistance with selected Medicare Part C and D plans.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for SPBP, a person must:

- Live in Pennsylvania,
- Have a gross annual (household or individual) income of less than or equal to 500% of the federal poverty level,
- Have a diagnosis of HIV, and
- Not be eligible for pharmacy services under the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program.

[Income Quick Reference Guide \(Effective 01-16-23\)](#)

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# Online enrollment and applications

## Application

A person can apply online.

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A person can also apply to SPBP with a paper application. A person may return a completed paper application to the Department of Health, Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program. *Please download the PDFs below in order to complete the digital signature required on the applications.*

- [Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program Full Application - Effective May 2022](#)
- [Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program Express Application - Effective May 2022](#)
- [Solicitud del Programa de Beneficios Farmacéuticos Especiales \(SPBP\) - Effective May 2022](#)
- [Solicitud Exprés del Programa de Beneficios Farmacéuticos Especiales - Effective May 2022](#)



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# Contact and appeals info

## Enrollment Denials and Requests for Reconsideration

A person has the right to request reconsideration of a denial of SPBP eligibility. A person must file his or her request for reconsideration within 30 days after he or she receives a denial.

- Request for Reconsideration Form - *coming soon*

## Customer Service and Contact Information

For assistance or additional information, please contact SPBP Customer Service at 1-800-922-9384 or by email at [SPBP@pa.gov](mailto:SPBP@pa.gov)

### Mail

Department of Health  
Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program  
P.O. Box 8808  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8808

### Fax

888-656-0372

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# ▶ Covered services

A person can receive services through SPBP once enrolled. SPBP will provide reimbursement for medication, laboratory costs, copays and deductibles for people with insurance, and select Medicare Part C and D plan premiums. SPBP is the payer of last resort. This means that people must use all other third-party resources, such as insurance, before SPBP can help cover costs.

- [SPBP Covered Drug List \(Effective 07-01-23\)](#)
- [SPBP Covered Laboratory Services \(Effective 09-05-23\)](#)
- [SPBP Laboratory Network \(Updated 08-15-23\)](#)
- [SPBP Pharmacy Network \(Updated 07-24-23\)](#)
- [SPBP Medicare Part C and D Plans with Premium Payment Agreements 2023 \(Updated 01-10-23\)](#)
- [SPBP Medicare Part C and D Premium Assistance Program Overview and FAQ](#)

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## HIPAA Privacy and Rights

- [HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices](#)

## SPBP Policy Manual

The SPBP Policy Manual explain the services and purpose of SPBP. The manual also describes the roles and responsibilities of providers. The manual provides the relevant federal, state, and contractual requirements that providers must adhere to.

- [Provider Manual](#)



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# ▶ SPBP Advisory Council

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) created the SPBP Advisory Council in 2010. The SPBP Advisory Council helps the Department in carrying out federal grant responsibilities under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B Program. The Council consists of 15-25 members. It includes clinicians, consumers, and interested members of the public. The Council meets quarterly. The Council provides guidance and recommendations to the Department about SPBP services, eligibility, and program management.

- [Meeting dates](#)
- Meeting minutes and meeting documents - *coming soon*
- [Bylaws](#)

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## Other Healthcare Resources

- [HIV Program Home](#)
- [Other HIV Services](#)
- [Pennsylvania Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan](#)
- [Medical Assistance \(Medicaid\)](#)

Medical Assistance pays for health care services for eligible people.

- [Pennie](#) 

Pennie is the state marketplace where people living in Pennsylvania can apply, shop, and enroll in health insurance coverage. Pennie also allows people to access financial assistance to make health insurance more affordable.

- [Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance Programs](#)

Some pharmaceutical companies operate patient assistance programs (PAPs). PAPs provide free or reduced cost medications to people with low income.

- [Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program - Mental Health](#)

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Service helps provide medication for people with schizophrenia who do not respond to first-line drug therapies and are not eligible for pharmaceutical coverage under the Medical Assistance Program.

# ▶ Other resources continued

## **Additional Information about the Ryan White Program and SPBP Federal Requirements**

The Public Health Service Act of 1990 created the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. This federal legislation created a national program that could address some of the care and needs of people with HIV. One part of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program created a medication and pharmacy benefit for people with HIV. This is the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Pennsylvania calls their ADAP the Special Pharmaceutical Benefit Program (SPBP).

- [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Legislation](#) 
- [More on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#) 

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