

Executive Summary: The Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, 2017-2021

For the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, Division of HIV/AIDS

This summary will explain the parts of The Plan for people interested in learning more about how Pennsylvania plans to address HIV disease. The State Department of Health plans focus on what is being done for prevention, testing, getting people into care, giving quality treatment, and helping people stay in care. This plan has three parts.

Section I

The first part is about knowing and tracking how the disease is spread, who gets sick, and ways to not get sick or treat people who are sick. This section shows that the State knows where HIV is in Pennsylvania, what makes people at risk of getting it, and who is getting sick. This part has lists of things that support people living with HIV and a list of what else is needed to help them. Answering these questions is an important first step in creating a good plan.

Section 2

Knowing where and how HIV is spreading allows the State to plan what to do to prevent new cases of HIV and help people who already have HIV stay healthy. This is what Part II is about. Here you can read about what the State has planned for the years 2017-2021. This part has plans for better prevention, testing, getting people into care, better HIV treatment, and helping people stay in care. This is the heart of the planning document. It talks about the ways the State HIV Planning Group (HPG) and other people from all over PA have been and will continue to help the planning process. Making a plan for *all* people affected by HIV in PA is very important, and this is why the plan was developed and why it will succeed.

Section 3

This part talks about how the state will monitor the progress being made. This means that it says how the state will track how well it's doing as it carries out the Plan.

Keep in mind: This is the first time the State has written a plan that has both prevention and care together for PA. This is a big step forward for even better HIV planning and services, and it will continue to improve even more in the future.

Thank you for your interest in the work being done to fight HIV infection and to support the health of people living with HIV in PA. If you have any questions, or would like to become more involved with state planning or the HIV Planning Group, please visit www.stophiv.org or email stakeholders@stophiv.org.