

Special Bulletin

For professional providers

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Medicare Update: No Cost-Sharing for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Prevention

Effective Sept. 30, 2024, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV is now covered without cost-sharing by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under **Medicare Part B**.

HIV PrEP for prevention drugs were previously covered under Medicare Part D and were typically subject to a deductible and coinsurance or co-pay. CMS transitioned coverage of PrEP for HIV prevention to Medicare Part B, and beneficiaries have no Part B cost-sharing obligations (i.e., deductibles or co-pays).

Antiretroviral drugs used for the treatment of HIV continue to be covered under Medicare Part D, even though these may be the same drugs that are used for HIV PrEP.

This new National Coverage Determination (NCD) for PrEP under Medicare Part B includes:

- FDA-approved antiretroviral drugs (oral and injectable) for individuals at increased risk of HIV acquisition.
- Counseling visits (up to 8 per year)
- HIV screening tests (up to 8 per year)
- Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening (once)
- Risk Assessment – the determination of increased risk is made by the physician or healthcare practitioner.

Members have been sent a letter notifying them of this change.

For more information on this change by CMS, go [here](#).

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