

Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

HHS is proposing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in our nation. The multi-year program will infuse 48 counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, as well as 7 states that have a substantial rural HIV burden with the additional expertise, technology, and resources needed to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Our four strategies – diagnose, treat, protect, and respond – will be implemented across the entire U.S. within 10 years.

GOAL:

Our goal is ambitious and the pathway is clear – employ strategic practices in the *places* focused on the right *people* to:

75%
reduction
in new HIV
infections
in 5 years
and at least
90%
reduction
in 10 years.



Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible after infection.

Treat the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve sustained viral suppression.



Protect people at risk for HIV using potent and proven prevention interventions, including PrEP, a medication that can prevent HIV infections.

Respond rapidly to detect and respond to growing HIV clusters and prevent new HIV infections.



HIV HealthForce will establish local teams committed to the success of the Initiative in each jurisdiction.

The Initiative will target our resources to the 48 highest burden counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 7 states with a substantial rural HIV burden.



Geographical Selection:

Data on burden of HIV in the US shows areas where HIV transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HIV diagnoses* occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden – with over 75 cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.



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*2016-2017 data

Ending the HIV Epidemic – Key Strategies:

Achieving elimination will require an infusion of resources to employ strategic practices in the right places targeted to the right people to maximize impact and end the HIV epidemic in America. Key strategies of the initiative include:




Treat: Implement programs to increase adherence to HIV medication, help people get back into HIV medical care and research innovative products that will make it easier for patients to access HIV medication.

Diagnose: Implement routine testing during key healthcare encounters and increase access to and options for HIV testing.



HIV HealthForce:
A boots-on-the-ground workforce of culturally competent and committed public health professionals that will carry out HIV elimination efforts in HIV hot spots.

Protect: Implement extensive provider training, patient awareness and efforts to expand access to PrEP.



Respond: Ensure that states and communities have the technological and personnel resources to investigate all related HIV cases to stop chains of transmission.

