



# Medicare Now Covers Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention

PrEP uses antiretroviral medication to lower your risk of getting HIV. When taken as prescribed, PrEP is highly effective for preventing HIV.

## What does Medicare cover?

If you don't have HIV but your doctor or health care practitioner determines you're at an increased risk for HIV, Part B (Medical Insurance) covers pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication and related services.

If you qualify, covered services include:

- FDA-approved oral or injectable PrEP medication. If you're getting an injectable drug, Medicare Part B also covers the fee for injecting the drug.
- Up to 8 individual counseling sessions (including HIV risk assessment, HIV risk reduction, and medication adherence) every 12 months.
- Up to 8 HIV screenings every 12 months.
- A hepatitis B virus screening.

## What does PrEP cost?

### **\$0 out-of-pocket**

If your doctor or healthcare practitioner orders PrEP for you from a pharmacy that's enrolled in Part B, you'll pay nothing out-of-pocket for your medications. Ask your doctor to include a diagnosis code on your prescription to help the pharmacy.

### **Additional benefits also include screenings and counseling**

If your doctor and laboratory accept assignment (which means they accept the Medicare-approved amount as full payment for a service), you'll also pay nothing out-of-pocket for the counseling sessions or the HIV and hepatitis B screenings.

### **Make sure your pharmacy can bill Medicare Part B**

Contact your pharmacy to make sure they can bill Medicare Part B. If you don't, you might have to pay the full cost of PrEP yourself. Most pharmacies (including national chains) can bill Part B, but some smaller pharmacies can't. If your regular pharmacy can't bill Part B, Medicare will help you find another pharmacy where you can get your PrEP. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. If you're in a Medicare Advantage plan, you'll pay \$0 out-of-pocket for PrEP at any pharmacies in your plan's network.

For more information on HIV screenings, visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/hiv-screenings](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/hiv-screenings).

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.