



# Sexual Health & HIV Prevention

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The Colorado Health Network (CHN) is a statewide organization, serving nearly 4000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS, those at risk, as well as other program-specific populations. The CHN helps people live healthier lives by educating those at risk of HIV, working with them to choose safer behaviors so that they can decrease that risk over time. CHN achieves these goals through a spectrum of education and prevention services, addressing the broad population through media and community education, and providing more intensive, therapeutically based individual and group programs for those most likely to become HIV positive. CHN also provides regular HIV testing and STI testing to ensure as many people as possible are aware of their HIV status. CHN offers other health-related services such as insurance/medical enrollment services, clean needle access/exchange services, and linkage to care services.

For additional support, please call your regional Colorado Health Network office and ask to speak with the prevention lead:

Denver: 303-962-5321

Northern Colorado: 970-407-7820

Southern Colorado: 719-578-9092

Western Colorado: 970-243-2437

Please tell the prevention lead that you were referred based on the Primary Care HIV Prevention Program.

We also want to assess your satisfaction with your care. After you visit the Colorado Health Network office, you will be given the opportunity to evaluate the success of this referral and this program in general anonymously on the following site:

<http://survey.primarycarehivprevention.org>

Thank you.



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## PrEP Quick Facts

- PrEP is a once-daily pill for people who are HIV negative that can help prevent HIV transmission
- PrEP can reduce the risk of HIV by more than 90%<sup>1</sup>
- PrEP is safe. No significant health effects have been observed among individuals who have taken PrEP for up to 5 years<sup>2</sup>
- PrEP was FDA approved in 2012 as the fixed-dose antiretroviral medication Truvada®

## Who May Benefit From PrEP?

- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- People who inject substances
- Anyone with a partner with or at risk for HIV
- Transgender individuals

## Financial Assistance for Patients

Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and most insurance plans pay for PrEP. Additional assistance for uninsured or underinsured patients is available through the following:

- Gilead medication and copay assistance programs: 855-330-5479 – [www.gileadadvancingaccess.com](http://www.gileadadvancingaccess.com)
- Patient Advocate Foundation (< 400% FPL) – [www.copays.org](http://www.copays.org)
- PAN Foundation (< 500% FPL) – [www.panfoundation.org](http://www.panfoundation.org)
- Proud To Be PrEPED and CDPHE's financial assistance program (PHIP): 1-844-367-7075, ext. 2 (English and Spanish)

## You Are NOT Alone

The Colorado Health Network is here to help you overcome any challenge you may have in getting on PrEP. Highly trained staff can help you:

- Get help paying for PrEP
- Find a doctor who can prescribe PrEP
- Provide free and confidential HIV and HepC testing
- Linkage to community resources to keep you both physically and mentally healthy

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