# Partnering with Public Health: Linking Patients to Care

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#### Mission

MDHHS provides services and administers programs to improve the health, safety, and prosperity of the residents of the state of Michigan.

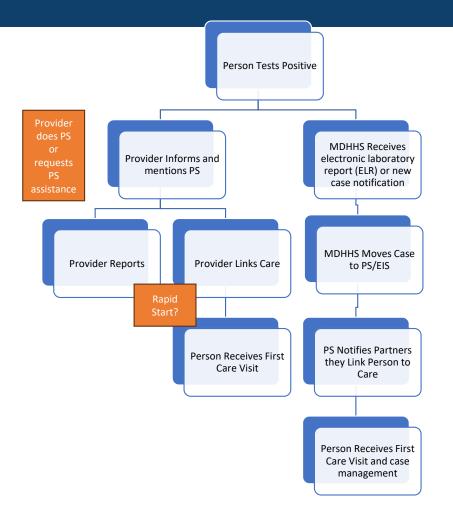
# Landscape of HIV Prevention/Care in Michigan



- Testing, Reporting, and Surveillance.
- Partner Services (PS).
- Linkage to Care.
  - Early Intervention Services (EIS)
  - Data To Care (D2C)
- Ryan White Program.
  - ADAP
  - Case Management
- Resources.

#### New Case Process Flow





### **Consent for Testing**



- The law does not require that a patient or their authorized representative provide special or separate consent for HIV/AIDS testing; general informed consent for medical treatment is sufficient.
- Prior to ordering an HIV/AIDS test for a patient, a health care provider must first:
  - Inform the patient/authorized representative—verbally or in writing—that an HIV/AIDS test will be conducted
  - Offer the patient/authorized representative the opportunity to ask questions and decline the HIV/AIDS test
  - Documentation of HIV/AIDS testing in the medical record is only required if the patient or their authorized representative declines HIV/AIDS testing

# **HIV/STI Lab Reporting**



- According to Michigan law, all HIV and STI diagnostic <u>labs</u> must be reported to MDHHS or the local health department within 24 hours of diagnosis or discovery.
- Most major hospitals/laboratories in Michigan report lab/test results electronically.
- Labs are reported:
  - Electronically and imports through the laboratory/facility
  - Faxed for manual data entry can be done by laboratory or diagnosing facility

### **Electronic Lab Reporting**



- Collection date vs assignment date.
  - Average laboratory/hospital report time is between **4 -5 DAYS**
  - Average LMS processing time is **2-3 DAYS**
  - Average Surveillance case investigation time is **5-6 DAYS**
  - Total time from collection date to case assignment to DIS averages
     9 DAYS

# **HIV/STI** Case Reporting

- According to Michigan law, all HIV and STI Case Report Forms (CRF) should be reported to MDHHS or the local health department within 7 days of diagnosis.
- There are two HIV CRFs:
  - Michigan Adult HIV Confidential Case Report Form
  - Michigan Pediatric HIV Confidential Case Report Form
- Forms can be found on the MDHHS website.
- All forms should be faxed to MDHHS, Bureau of HIV/STI, 313-456-1580.

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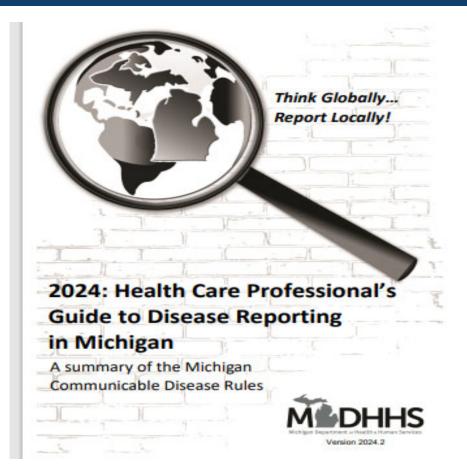
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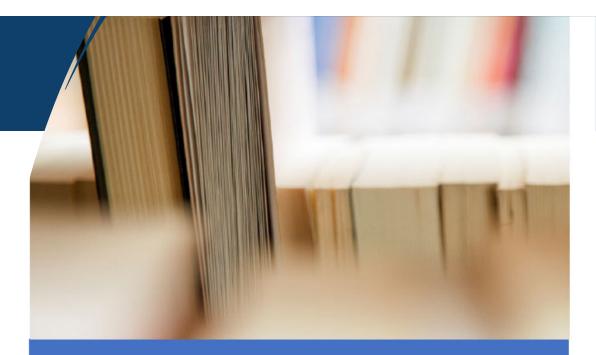
# Fun Facts about Surveillance and Reporting



- You can call MDHHS anytime (is this person a new case? Are they in care? What do I do now? 313-245-3300).
- Everything you need to know about communicable disease reporting can be found in the Brick Book at www.Michigan.gov/CDInfo.
- Our staff have access to most health system EMRs around the state so when providers don't report HIV on the CRF our staff collect the data directly from the EMR (and use the information to fill in missing information).



- www.Michigan.gov/HIVSTI
- Topics covered:
  - Disclosure
  - Reporting
  - Data Sharing
  - Testing in Pregnancy
  - Consent for Testing
  - Mandatory Testing



#### Michigan HIV Laws

How They Affect Physicians, Local Health Departments, Community Based Organizations, and Other Health Care Entities and Providers

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#### **Partner Services**



- Legislative mandated program to help reduce the transmission of HIV and STIs (mostly syphilis) to sex and needle-sharing partners (for HIV) of persons.
- Authorized through Public Health Code 368—Public Act 333.5114a of 1988.
- Voluntary.
  - Linkage to care happens even if you don't name partners
- Operational through a network of MDHHS staff and local public health departments staff (called DIS).

#### **Partner Services**



- Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) conduct one on one counseling to persons living with HIV and STIs to:
  - Provide education on disease/transmission/refer for care/support services.
  - Present options to notify partners (HD, Client, Physician, Combination).
  - Identify and contact partners for notification, testing, treatment & support services.

#### Partner Services in Action



- Hybrid Model of PS Delivery.
  - Syphilis=All MDHHS Staff
  - HIV in Detroit=MDHHS staff
  - HIV in most SE MI Counties and larger Counties (Kent, Ingham, Washtenaw, Genesee)=LHD Staff
  - HIV and Syphilis mostly up north=Central MI District Health Department
- We can do PS over the phone and use dating sites to find and notify partners.
- We can provide transportation for treatment and reminders of appointments and sometimes field delivered treatment.
- We have a special group dedicated to working with pregnant people.

# Linkage Programs

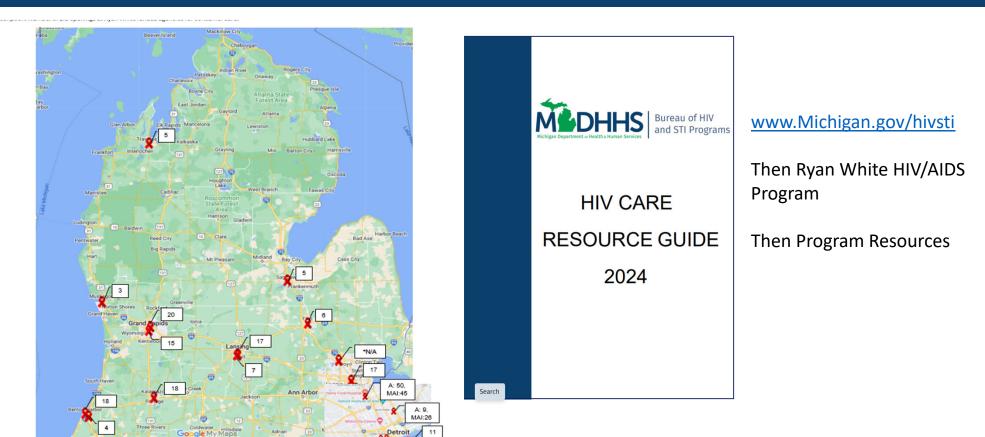


### EIS



- The Early Intervention Services Programs place special emphasis on helping persons who are newly diagnosed with HIV to connect with medical care and other services.
- Linkage workers are dedicated experts who can:
  - Find a doctor or clinic
  - Apply for health insurance
  - Understand HIV medical treatment
  - Find support groups
  - Meet transportation, housing, food assistance, and emergency financial assistance needs

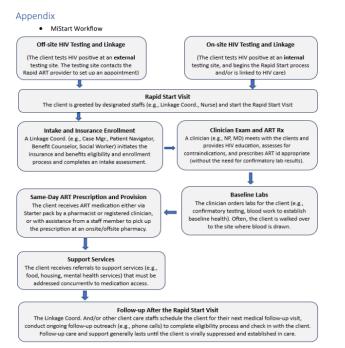
#### Statewide Capacity and Agencies





#### Michigan Rapid Start ART (MiSTART)





Source: Adopted from "Compendium of Best Practices in Provision of Rapid Start Services for People with HIV For Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funded Providers", CAI Global, 2023.  Free Sample Starter Packs from Michigan Pharmaceutical Representatives (3–5-day sample starter packs)=Gilead, Jansen, ViiV.

#### • Persons Appropriate.

- Nearly everyone with confirmed new diagnosis.
- High clinical suspicion of acute HIV
- Reactive rapid HIV result
- Known HIV diagnosis re-engaging into care

#### • Persons Not Appropriate.

- Complex/Unknown ART history
- Untreated opportunistic infections
- Reactive rapid with low-probability of HIV

### Return to Care Unit



- Group at MDHHS who works at linking and re-linking people to care
- Referrals from DIS
- Folks who don't pick up their HIV medications
- People who move to Michigan
- Those out of care
- Leaving corrections

• Outside of Detroit: Phone: 517-899-6084

MDHHS-LinkUpMI@michigan.gov

- In Detroit:
- Fatima E., MPH (313) 410-5617
- Natelie M. (313) 569-6023
- Brandon B. (313) 402-4571

#### Data to Care

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Surveillance uses HIV lab reports to determine individuals NIC

LS ensures NIC individual successfully accesses services & updated contact information in CAREWare Contact information for NIC individuals are imported into CAREWare for Linkage Specialists (LS)

Referral to medical care and/or early intervention services (EIS) and/or other social support services

LS mails letters, makes phone calls, sends texts & emails to NIC individuals

Once contact is successful & identity is confirmed, LS discusses medical care and support services with NIC individual



# Ryan White Program



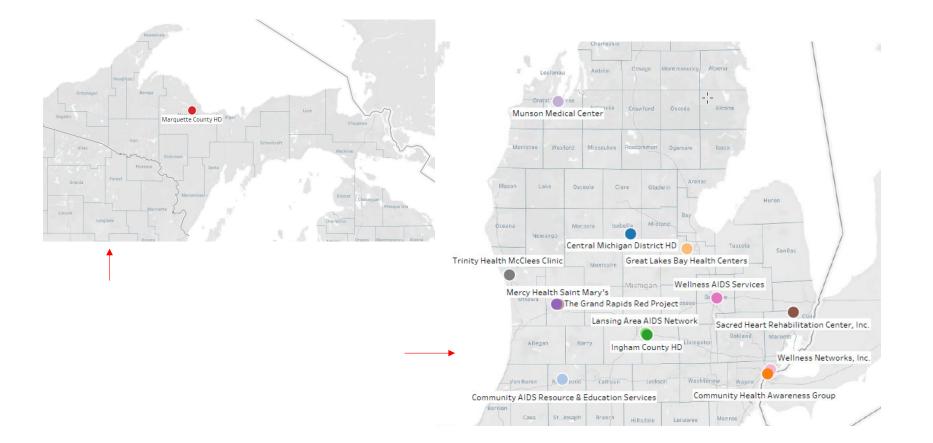
### **Ryan White Program**



- Proof/Documentation of HIV positive status/diagnosis.
- Must reside in the state of Michigan.
- Must have an income ≤ 500% of the most current Federal Poverty Level.
- Must be underinsured or uninsured for applicable Ryan White services that are reimbursable through third party payers.
- Immigration status is irrelevant for the purposes of eligibility for Ryan White services. MDHHS sub-recipients should not share immigration status with immigration.

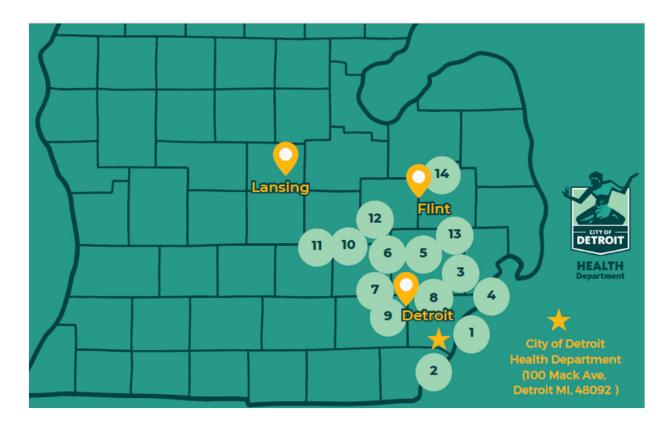


#### Ryan White Part B Program





# Part A Map



# **Ryan White Program**



Medical case management services (including treatment adherence) Outpatient/ambulatory medical care ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) AIDS pharmaceutical assistance Oral health care Early intervention services Health insurance premium & cost sharing assistance Home health care Home and community-based health services Mental health services Medical nutrition therapy, including nutritional supplements

Non-medical case management Childcare services **Emergency financial assistance** Food bank/home-delivered meals Health education/risk reduction Housing services Legal services Linguistics services Medical transportation **Outreach services** Psychosocial support services Referral for health care/supportive services Rehabilitation services Substance Abuse Treatment Services-Outpatient

#### What is the Michigan Drug Assistance Program (MIDAP)?



- The Michigan Drug Assistance Program (MIDAP) is a federally funded program that provides HIV-related (and other related medications) to eligible applicants who have limited or no access to insurance coverage.
- In order to be eligible for MIDAP, applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - Provide proof of HIV Status
  - Be a resident of the State of Michigan
  - Have a gross income between 138%-500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
  - Not eligible for any other program. MIDAP is the payer of last resort

#### MIDAP Prescription Coverage Types



Full Coverage (No Insurance) Pay the <u>full cost</u> of medications	Medicaid: Temporary Full Coverage Pay the <u>full cost</u> of medications	Private Insurance: Employer Sponsored Copays	Private Insurance: Individual Copays
Medicare Part C (Advantage Plan) Premiums, copays, coinsurance & deductibles	Medicare Part D (Prescription Plan) Premiums, copays, coinsurance & deductibles	VA, Tricare or other	Indian Health
COBRA Premiums, copays, coinsurance & deductibles	Qualified Health Plan/ACA Premiums, copays, coinsurance & deductibles	Military Healthcare Copays	Services Copays

#### Resources



#### You Test We Do the Rest





#### HIV & SYPHILIS: YOU TEST, WE DO THE REST

#### STI/HIV TESTING

- You (a health care provider) order testing (blood tests/site specific based on the STIs).
   HIV & Syphilis testing must include confirmatory blood testing (click for more).
- Labs are required by law to report reactive results with state and local health departments (LHDs). Case reporting details must be submitted to the state for all confirmed cases (*instructions on reporting* are available at www.michigan.gov/HIVSTI)



#### DIS OUTREACH

- DIS, or Disease Intervention Specialists, work in state and LHDs to ensure patients are treated and stop transmission of STIs.
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- All symils and no cases are assigned to a DIS to ensure reporting, follow-up, etc.
  DIS assist providers across the state on issues
- like new diagnoses, sharing comprehensive syphilis history & discussing treatment.

#### FOLLOW-UP: DIS CAN...

- Provide access to medications used to treat STIs (e.g., bicillin) if access is limited or your patient is not insured.
- Make sure patients understand treatment regimen (i.e., taking all meds even if



#### **PARTNER SERVICES**

- Partner Services staff (including DIS) can also reach out to directly notify and provide follow-up for partners of your patients.
- Partner Services include testing and treatment of partners, and the same level of DIS follow-up that your patients receive.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Increase testing and awareness that someone from the health department will reach out.
- Inform patients that their personal information and anything they share with DIS is confidential.
- Destigmatize! Sexual health care is health care. Your patients should feel no guilt or shame for getting tested and taking ownership of their sexual health.



#### **Communication Materials**



#### Michigan **Ryan White Services Eligibility**

- Proof of HIV status: Must be HIV-positive.
- · Proof of income:

Must not exceed 500% of Federal Poverty Line.

- Proof of Michigan residency.
- Proof of insurance status:

Must be underinsured or uninsured for applicable Ryan White services that are reimbursable through third party payers.



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WHAT IS PARTNER SERVICES?

Partner Services is a free program that helps people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and some sexually transmitted infectior (STIs) contact their sex and needle

than STI or finding out that you are ing with HIV. You don't have to do



GR code above or v Michigan.gov/HIVSTI 313-269-7573

additional information needed by health care essionals with questions regarding HIV disease management contact: Michigan HIV Consultation Program (Henry Ford Health System) 24/7 at 313-575-0332

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PARTNER SERVICES Helping keep you, your partners and your community healthy.



Let Us Support You **Along Your Journey** of Living With HIV



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The **STI/HIV Operations and Resource System (SHOARS)** is a new customer relationship management system that can be accessed via MiLogin. SHOARS allows the Bureau of HIV and STI Programs (BHSP) Partners to engage with the diverse resources of BHSP.

- MiLOGIN for Business
  - MiLogin Login (michigan.gov)

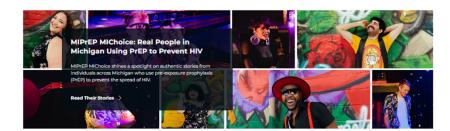
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Then "SHOARS"

#### **MDHHS** Website



Keeping Michigan Healthy > Chronic Diseases > HIV/STI



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Michigan Drug Assistance Program (MIDAP) & Michigan Dental Program (MDP)



#### Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Doxy PEP)

#### Doxycycline as STI Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Doxy PEP)

Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxy PEP) has proven to reduce the chance of getting a bacterial sexually transmitted infection (STI) for gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men and transgender women that are more likely to get these infections (specifically, syph chlamydia, gonorrhea). The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) highly encourages the adoption of doxy PEP to combat alarming increases in bacterial STIs in Michigan.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends health care providers discuss doxy PEP with all gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men and transgender women with a history of at least one bacterial STI (syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea) in the last 12 months. If offering doxy PEP, health care providers should write a prescription for self-administration of 200 mg of doxycycline within 72 hours of sex.

MDHH5's 340B program can be used by covered entities to procure medications for patients to be treated with doxy PEP. Doxy PEP unit dose (UD) 200 mg packets and doxy PEP in #60 bottles (can be used 30 times) are both available through the warehouse via your normal ordering process.

Resources



ⓑ → Keeping Michigan Healthy → Chronic Diseases → HIV/STI → PrEP → PrEP and Black Women

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is medicine that can be taken to reduce a person's chances of getting HIV from sex or sharing drug injection equipment. PrEP is for people who do not have HIV but have the chance of getting it. Taking PrEP as prescribed by a health care provider can reduce the chances of getting HIV by up to 99% from sex and by at least 74% from sharing drug injection equipment

PrEP is safe and effective for women, "Mahogany Blue" is dedicated to empowering women by recognizing the unique barriers Black women encounter in accessing HIV prevention tools like PrEP

"Mahogany Blue" provides the tools and resources to ta control of your own sexual health and allows you to make info proactive steps to protect yourself from getting HIV.

If you want to learn more about PrEP or are ready to take the next steps, you can use our resource finder to get a list of services and providers tha best fit your needs.



**Training & Events** 

#### Time for Questions....



Thank you!

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