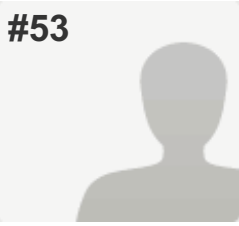


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Q2: Title of your recommendation

Ensuring Adequate Implementation of the
Compassionate Care Act for People Living with
HIV/AIDS

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

The Health Commissioner should ensure broad implementations of the Compassionate Care Act in order to ensure that all patients, regardless of ability to pay, have access to quality medicinal marijuana services as outlined by the Compassionate Care Act. In particular, the Commissioner should:

- Make various kinds of medicinal marijuana available, including availability of the plant
- Immediately implement "emergency access" protocols for medicinal marijuana services
- Offer to waive registration fees and a sliding scale for low income patients
- Maximize the amount of dispensaries statewide in order to ensure ease of access for all patients regardless of location in the state

Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)

Linking and retaining persons diagnosed with HIV to health care and getting them on anti-HIV therapy to maximize HIV virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission

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Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply)

Care Committee: Develop recommendations to support access to care and treatment in order to maximize the rate of HIV viral suppression. The Committee will promote linkages and retention in care to achieve viral suppression and promote the highest quality of life while significantly decreasing the risks of HIV transmission. Recommendations will also ensure a person centered approach is taken and that access to culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention and health care services is available.

Housing and Supportive Services Committee: Develop recommendations that strengthen proven interventions enabling optimal engagement and linkage and retention in care for those most in need. This Committee will recommend interventions that effectively address complex and intersecting health and social conditions and reduce health disparities, particularly among New York's low-income and most vulnerable and marginalized residents. These interventions will diminish barriers to care and enhance access to care and treatment leaving no subpopulation behind.

Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?

Other (please specify)
Implementation of existing policy

Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?

Permitted under current law

Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?

Within the next year

Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?

Implementing patient-centered protocols will be essential to ensuring that all people eligible for the Compassionate Care Act can affordably access medicinal marijuana. People living with HIV/AIDS in New York State are disproportionately low income, so easing financial burdens will allow all low income people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, to utilize these services.

Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?

TBD

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Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?

TBD

Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?

TBD

Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?

All people living with HIV/AIDS, low-income people living with HIV/AIDS in particular

Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?

TBD

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force member