

**Ending the Epidemic Task Force
Committee Recommendation
CR5**

Recommendation Title: New Statewide Programs for PrEP, nPEP, and Other Preventive Service Delivery Must be Established at Sites that Encounter Key Populations: STD clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), School Clinics, Correctional Settings and Other Programs

1. **For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply?** 3

 2. **Proposed Recommendation:** Programs must be established in several types of venues where people at risk of HIV infection may be encountered. These programs must be implemented in venues throughout the state to support innovative approaches to initiating and supporting antiretroviral prophylaxis (ARV-P).
 - 1) ARV-P programs must be established in STD Clinics, FQHCs and Regional Health Departments. These sites frequently encounter diverse populations of individuals who are at risk for HIV infection through sexual transmission. These sites must be empowered (through funding) to start nPEP and PrEP, ideally through insurance or drug assistance programs. They must function as referral centers to entitlements (private insurance, Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans, Medicaid, medication assistance programs) as well as navigation to HIV and STD prevention focused care venues to provide access to a prevention package to individuals at risk (see New York City One Stop Model). These programs must function to build a tunnel between STD clinics to deliver these at-risk individuals to providers and focus the work of the STD clinic on the public health moments of nPEP and PrEP initiation rather than longitudinal care.

 - 2) ARV-P Programs must be established at School Clinics. Youth is a risk factor for HIV, but many of the services that may prevent infection are potentially out of the grasp of this population. ARV-P must be integrated into school health clinics in high prevalence areas to ease access by this population of young men and women at risk. To make the school clinic ARV-P services as robust as possible, students in K-12 must have access to comprehensive sex education that includes information on nPEP and PrEP. Adolescents must be considered a target population for which there is a disparity in access to preventive services for HIV. Monitoring and evaluation of the K-12 curriculum as well as ARV-P service delivery must be implemented as part of the program plan. Funding must be provided.
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- 3) ARV-P Programs must be established at correctional facilities. Individuals in correctional settings are another target population that must be a focus of ARV-P interventions. Policy and implementation barriers must be addressed to increase access for these men at women. These programs must include a strong element of peer-level support and funding must be provided.
 - 4) ARV-P Programs must be established at Women's Reproductive Health Centers/Abortion Clinics. Women who access services at these centers and clinics must be a focus of nPEP and PrEP interventions. Funding must be provided to support ARV-P services.
 - 5) ARV-P education and linkage must be a part of HIV Testing and Partner Notification Programs. For HIV testing programs, information about nPEP and PrEP must be included when delivering a negative test result. Partner notification staff must include information on ARV-P when they make contact regarding a person recently diagnosed with HIV. Training for HIV testing and partner notification staff on nPEP and PrEP should be encouraged annually. Funding must be identified to produce nPEP and PrEP written materials for distribution during HIV testing and partner notification encounters.
3. **Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?** Permitted under current law.
 4. **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.
 5. **TF numbers of the original recommendations that contributed to this current version:** T10, TF15, TF21, TF23, TF34, TF62, TF77, TF158, TF163, T192, T194, T197, T199, T200, T201, T202, T203, T206, T208, T209, T217, T228, T229, T230, T237, T239, T247, T255, TF 258, T269.

