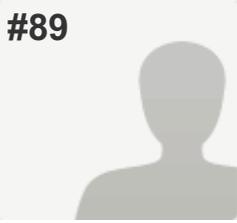


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Q2: Title of your recommendation

Link Insurance Providers to HIV Surveillance System to Improve Health Outcomes

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

Make HIV surveillance data available to New York State regulated insurance providers with patients' consent in order to promote improved retention in care, treatment, viral suppression and other positive health outcomes. This recommendation would permit insurance companies to track whether providers are offering HIV care that meets quality requirements and whether consumers are receiving optimal HIV care.

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

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

Data Committee: Develop recommendations for metrics and identify data sources to assess the comprehensive statewide HIV strategy. The Committee will determine metrics that will measure effective community engagement/ ownership, political leadership, and supportive services. It will also determine metrics that will measure quality of care, impact of interventions and outcomes across all populations, particularly identified sub populations such as transgender men and women, women of color, men who have sex with men and youth. In addition, the Committee will evaluate to determine optimal strategies for using data to identify infected persons who have not achieved viral suppression and address their support service, behavioral health, and adherence needs.

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

New policy,
Other (please specify)
Change to HIV Surveillance System

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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?

This recommendation would allow insurance companies to track whether or not they're meeting quality requirements and whether providers are providing appropriate care, and whether or patients or members are being retained in care.

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

Concern that insurance companies use this information in a way other than optimizing care for members.

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

Cost of technology to implement surveillance systems would be borne by insurance providers.

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

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

NYS DOH, NYS regulated insurance programs, consumers.

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

Create indicators for whether information transfers are happening and whether insurance programs have set up systems for using data to optimize member outcomes. Create a measurement of protection of individuals' confidentiality and integrity of opt-out system.

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following Advocate