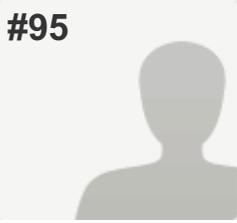


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Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)

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Q2: Title of your recommendation Increase viral suppression (VS) to >85% of HIV+ New Yorkers and >95% HIV+ New Yorkers in care

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

Increase long-term virologic suppression (VS) to >85% of all HIV+ New Yorkers and to >95% of all HIV+ New Yorkers in 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.

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

Unknown,
Other (please specify)
Measure of Plan to end the AIDS epidemic

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?

Near-universal long-term viral suppression (VS) will virtually eliminate HIV transmission and progression to AIDS and death.

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

Currently 44% of New Yorkers experience VS – 51% of those in care – so we will need to almost double the number of those with successful long-term VS.

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

Increased cost of successful long-term care. Reduced costs from reduced/eliminated new HIV infections, AIDS illness and AIDS deaths. Antiretroviral rebates negotiated between OHIP and ARV manufacturers will help to cover the costs. Savings from reduced costs can be invested in supportive services and in other NYS health programs.

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?

HIV-positive New Yorkers.
HIV-negative New Yorkers.
Providers.
Insurers.
ARV manufacturers.
Public-health officials.
Government leaders.
Affected communities.

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

Annual # and % of New Yorkers successfully achieving VS.

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Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following

Ending the Epidemic Task Force member,

Other (please specify)

Ad Hoc End of AIDS Community Group: ACRIA, Amida Care, Correctional Association of New York, Jim Eigo (ACT UP/Prevention of HIV Action Group), GMHC, Harlem United, HIV Law Project, Housing Works, Latino Commission on AIDS, Legal Action Center, Peter Staley (activist), Terri L. Wilder (Spencer Cox Center for Health), Treatment Action Group, VOCAL New York