

**Title:** Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Using Antiretroviral Therapy to Prevent Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection (NCD 210.15)

**Decision:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has finalized a National Coverage Determination (NCD) that covers Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) using antiretroviral drugs to prevent HIV as a Medicare Part B preventive service. CMS will cover PrEP using FDA-approved antiretroviral drugs (oral or injectable) to prevent HIV in individuals at increased risk of acquiring HIV. Furnishing HIV PrEP using antiretroviral drugs, including the supplying or dispensing of these drugs and the administration of injectable PrEP is also covered.

For individuals being assessed for or using PrEP to prevent HIV, all of the following will also be covered as an additional preventive service:

- Individual counseling visits (up to 8 every 12 months), including:
  - HIV risk assessment (initial or continued assessment of risk)
  - HIV risk reduction
  - Medication adherence
- HIV screenings (up to 8 every 12 months)
- A single screening for hepatitis B virus

**What this means:** PrEP drugs to prevent HIV were previously covered under a Part D plan. PrEP drugs to prevent HIV will now be covered as a preventive service under the medical plan (Part B) without any member cost sharing, subject to the NCD requirements. Additionally, for individuals being assessed for or using PrEP to prevent HIV, individual counseling visits, HIV screening tests, and a hepatitis B virus screening are also covered as an additional preventive service without member cost sharing, subject to the limitations and requirements outlined in the NCD. If an individual currently has HIV and uses antiretroviral drugs to treat HIV, Part D will continue to cover these drugs.

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This announcement can be found at: [Preexposure Prophylaxis \(PrEP\) Using Antiretroviral Therapy to Prevent HIV \(CAG-00464N\)](#).

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