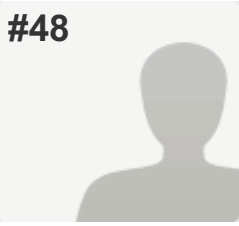


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Q2: Title of your recommendation

Provision of Periodic HIV Medical Updates by NYS DOE

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

New York State requires that schools teach HIV education, yet the state offers no resources to schools and school districts for implementation of this mandate. Meanwhile the science and medicine of HIV treatment and prevention is changing rapidly. New York State Department of Education should provide annual HIV medical updates to be made available online so that health teachers have ready access to the most up-to-date science.

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)

Identifying persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and linking them to health care

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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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Facilitating access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative

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Other (please specify) Prevention among youth

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

Prevention Committee: Develop recommendations for ensuring the effective implementation of biomedical advances in the prevention of HIV, (such as the use of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)); for ensuring access for those most in need to keep them negative; and for expansion of syringe exchange, expanded partner services, and streamlined HIV testing by further implementing the universal offer of HIV testing in primary care, among others. The Committee will focus on continuing innovative and comprehensive prevention and harm reduction services targeted at key high risk populations, as well as grant-funded services that engage in both secondary and primary prevention.

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) New update.

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?

HIV treatment and prevention science is in a state of constant progress. Teachers who are required to provide HIV education must themselves be given the tools and the knowledge to teach the most accurate, up-to-date information. Without periodic updates, teachers may not know about e.g. PrEP, PEP, and treatment as prevention, among other new and essential tools in the battle to keep people healthy and safe.

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Staff time to research and write updates.

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

- * Providing students and teachers with the most up-to-date information about HIV treatment and prevention
- * Fewer new HIV infections among young people
- * Greater awareness of and access to PrEP among high-risk youth

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

- Students
- Teachers
- Principals
- School boards/districts
- Superintendents
- Parents
- Adolescent healthcare providers

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following

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