

Providing Access To Medication For Coloradans Experiencing Incarceration

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Overview

- **Demographics**
- **Review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
- **Process**
- **Community Resources**
- **Successes and Lessons Learned**



Summary

- Describe the processes to serve people while incarcerated and when transitioning back into the community
- Understand the challenges and best practices of providing services to those experiencing incarceration
- Learn effective strategies for supporting care and adherence post-release and discuss future goals and strategies for improvement



**05/2015 First
jail claim was
adjudicated**

**\$750,000 in
medications
costs**

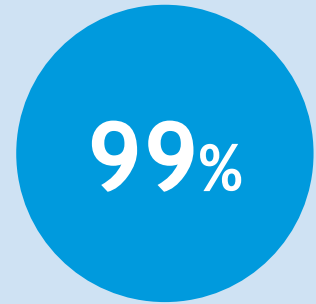
**Each client
averages
about 6 fills**

**Over 1000
claims have
been filled**

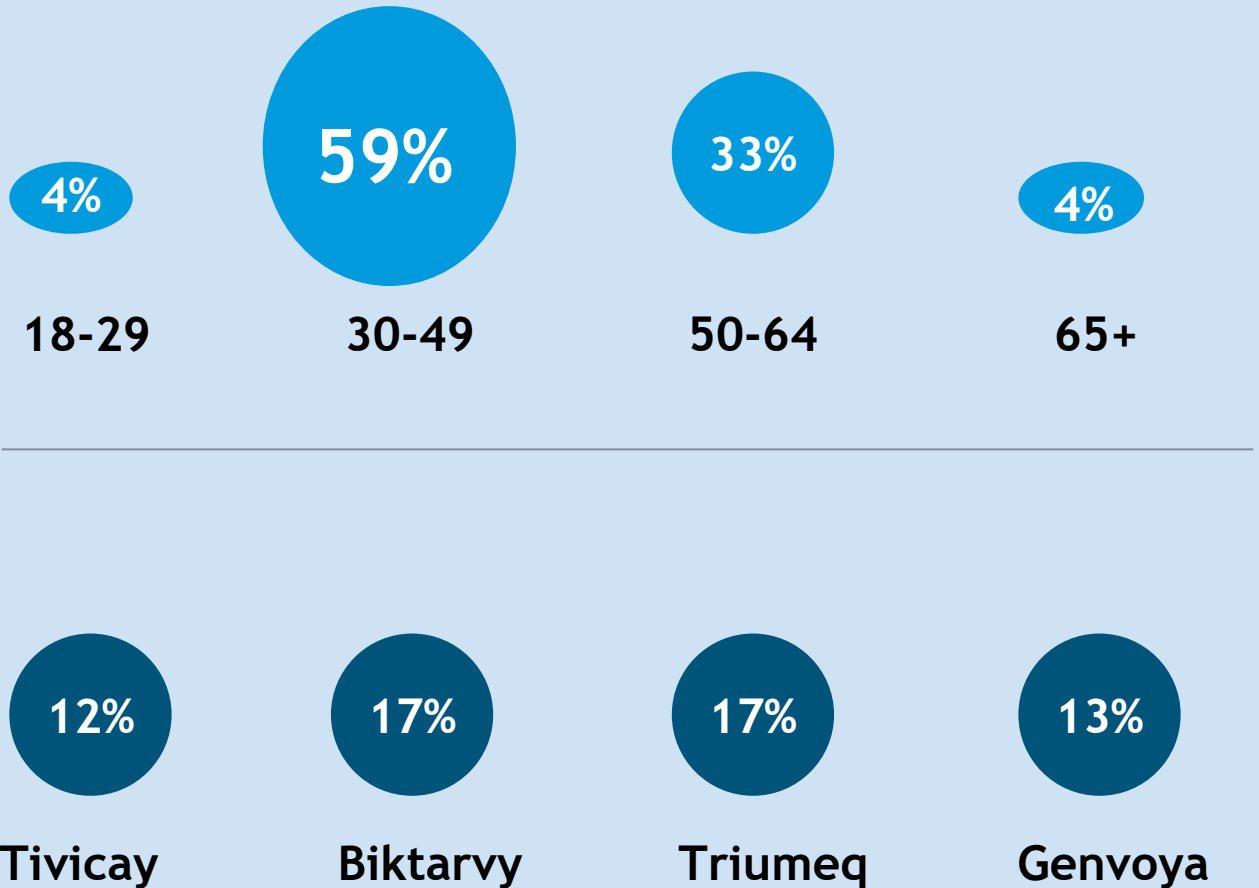
**Program
introduced a fax
cover sheet to
expand access**



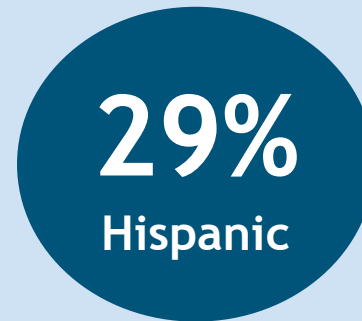
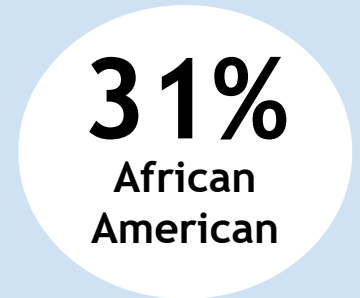
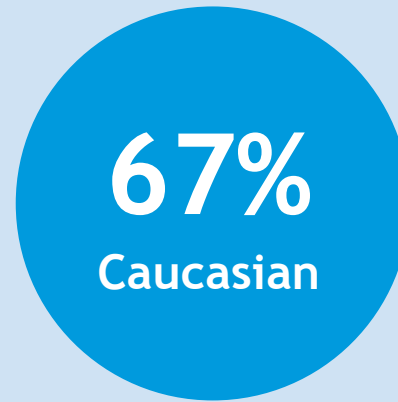
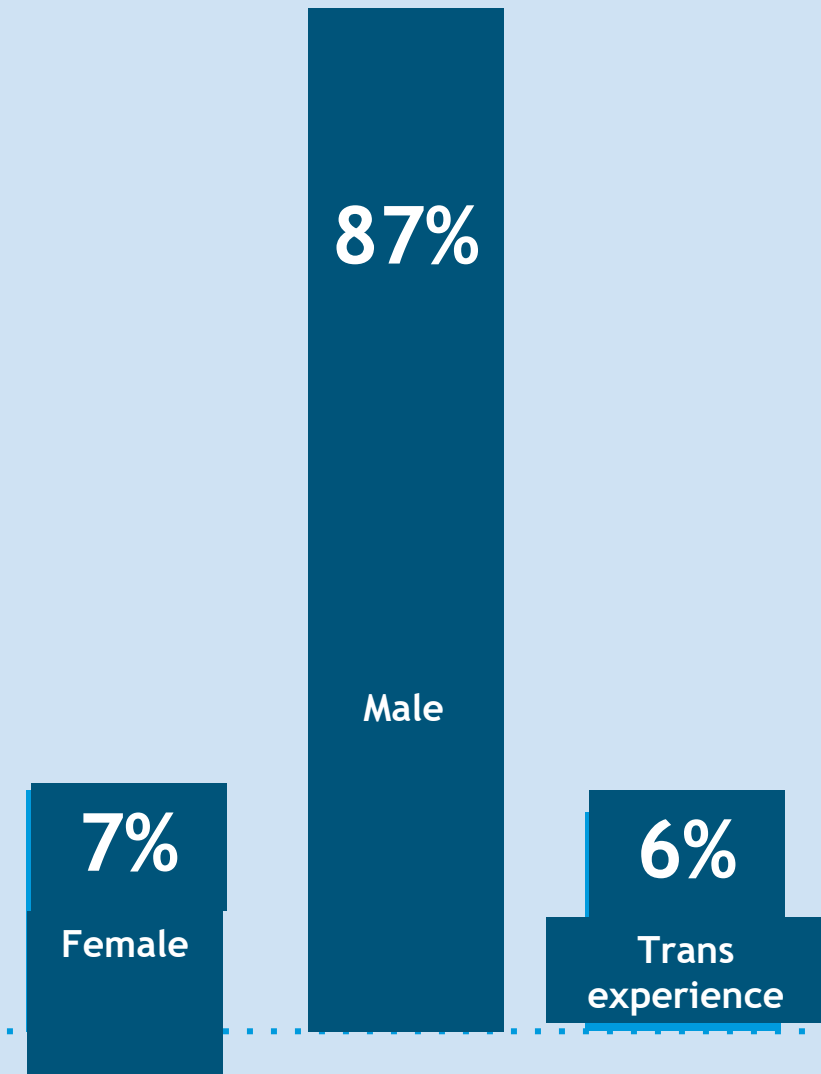
Demographics



Antiretroviral
medications



Demographics



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
and**

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered by and between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (hereinafter referred to as “CDPHE” and _____ (hereinafter referred to as _____) for assisting the incarcerated population of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to access life saving medications through the Colorado State Drug Assistance Program. This MOU establishes the expectations and intent between the parties for deployment, management, and maintenance of this privately owned asset. This MOU is subject to the provisions of all applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, policies and standards.

I. Parties

II. Date, Modification, and Termination

III. Background regarding this MOU

- A. Current Jail Policies and Procedures for Medication Access**
- B. Current Discharge Planning Procedures**



V. States Responsibilities

The CDPHE will fulfill the terms and conditions executed between the DSD and the State of Colorado in the MOU as follows: provide incarcerated populations in the City and County of Denver jail system living with HIV access to medications through the Colorado State Drug Assistance Program.

VI. County responsibilities

The Colorado County official designated as signatory of this MOU assures that within 6 months of the execution of this MOU (date inserted here), an amendment or other agreement between said county and their medical services contractor (insert name here) that will encourage the expansion of HIV, STD, and HCV testing within the county facility in the following way:

VII. Correctional medical provider responsibilities (if applicable)

VIII. Financial Considerations

Except where otherwise detailed in this MOU, each party is responsible for its own costs. Any assistance provided by the State of Colorado under this MOU and an assistance provided by the SDAP is subject to the availability of appropriations. Any and all financial assistance provided by the state will be done pursuant to and in compliance with the State of Colorado fiscal rules and procurement code.

IX. General Provisions

X. Liability

XI. Signatures



If the client is at the Denver County Detention Facility

Must have:



Completed application



Current prescription



Fill at a contract pharmacy



Medication is property of
client



If the client is
not at the
Denver County
Detention^A
Facility

Must have:



Completed application



Current prescription



Fill at a contract pharmacy



Medication is property of
client

and the following



REQUEST FOR SHORT-TERM ACCESS TO THE COLORADO STATE DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM for INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED IN COLORADO MUNICIPAL and COUNTY JAILS

Patient/Detainee Name:

Municipal/County Jail:

Phone:

Does this county jail facility provide medications for incarcerated individuals living with HIV?

Does this county jail charge the incarcerated individual for the cost of these medications?

Y N

If yes, is the inmate charged immediately for these medications? For example, the jail reduces the personal account that the inmate has available for expenses?

Y N

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If yes, is the inmate invoiced for charges after release?

If yes, are the individual's earnings attached at his employer (or other source of income)?

Y N

Does the jail allow friends and/or family members to deliver unopened medications to a jail staff member or social worker?

Y N

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Does the jail allow a detainee to bring in their own supply of medications under any circumstance?

Y N

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How will the jail receive medications sent through the SDAP?

Who will call in this prescription? Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Deliver to: _____

Address: _____ City/ZIP: _____

By signing below, I guarantee that the medications delivered will be distributed to the patient/detainee, and that any remaining product will be returned to the prescribed individual upon release.

Signature:

Date:

BASIS FOR GRANTING ACCESS TO SDAP for incarcerated individuals in Colorado Municipal and County Jails: Under HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau Policy Notice 18-02 "State and federal prison systems are generally responsible for providing health care services to all individuals incarcerated in their facilities. Other correctional systems, such as local prisons and jails, may be responsible for providing health care services to all individuals incarcerated in their facilities, and those under community supervision may receive health care services by the program providing community supervision. The RWHAP statute, codified at title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, stipulates that HRSA RWHAP funds may not be used "for any item or service to the extent that payment has been made, or can reasonably be expected to be made under . . . an insurance policy, or under any Federal or State health benefits program. . . ."

Under Colorado law CRS 17-26-104.5 county jail facilities are permitted to bill inmates and other detainees for the costs of services if they have a pre-existing condition that has been diagnosed prior to the time of incarceration.



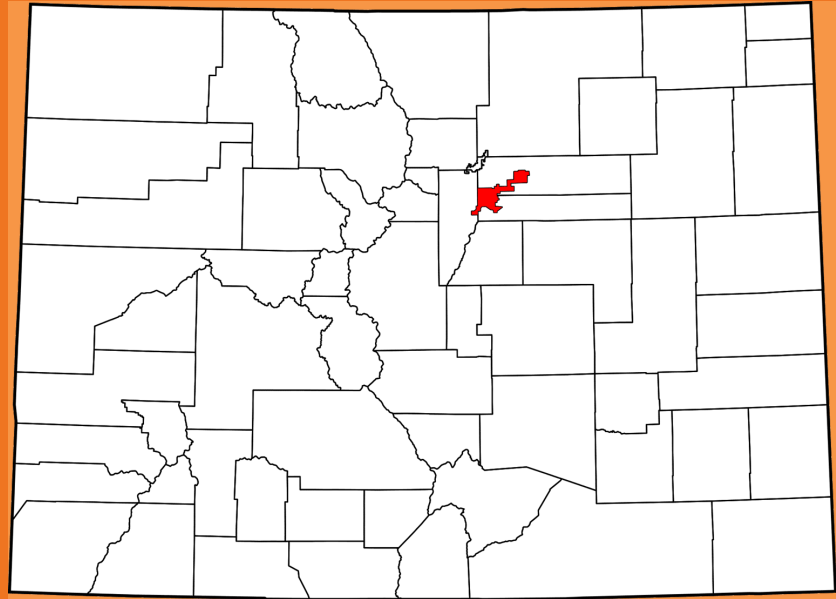
Process



How are you covered?	What documents you need to provide:
No Coverage or Undocumented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADAP Recertification, completed and signed Proof of Residence Proof of income (statement of support if no income) Employer Insurance Information Form (if employed with lawful permanent residency status)
Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADAP Recertification, completed and signed **Clients with active Medicaid are not required to provide any supporting documents as residency/income have been verified by another state agency.
Marketplace Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADAP application, completed and signed Copy of first 2 pages of IRS 1040 form Copy of IRS form 1062 Proof of Residence Employer Insurance Information Form (if employed)
Employer Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADAP application, completed and signed Copy of first 2 pages of IRS 1040 form Proof of Residence
Medicare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADAP application, completed and signed Proof of Residence Copy of current year Social Security Award Letter Proof of any other income (employment, pension, etc)

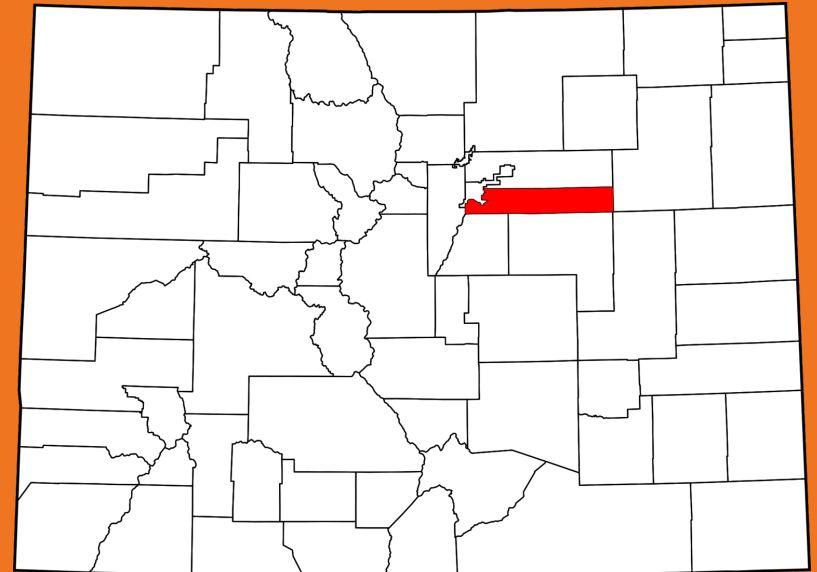
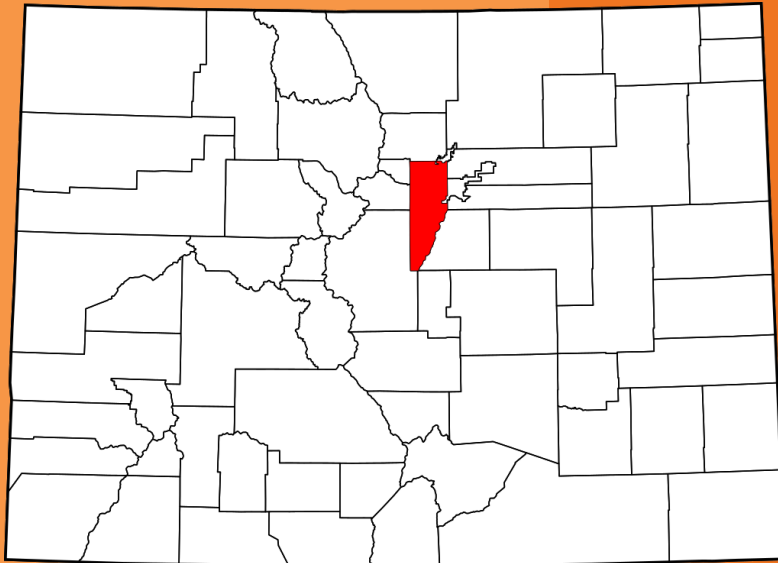


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Community Without Walls



Successes

- Our team has successfully assisted over 1000 clients at the Denver County Jail and the Denver Detention Center in accessing necessary medications.
- Our program has evolved to include staff from correctional facilities outside the Denver Metro area in providing medication to their clients as well.
- Our goal is to ensure that every client leaves the facility with the medications they need.
- As the program has expanded, we have established partnerships with various healthcare providers throughout the state.
- Additionally, other programs within our Office of STI/HIV/VH have collaborated to offer additional testing and resources to individuals experiencing incarceration.



Lessons Learned

- County correctional facilities vary in terms of the entities responsible for administering their healthcare systems.
- Each healthcare system has its own specific set of processes and procedures for medication administration.
- Not all entities are able to accept medications shipped from our contract pharmacy.
- Not all county sheriffs are receptive to participating in the program.
- Both external and internal staff members participating dedicate much time to coordinate medication shipments and determine eligibility.



THANKS!

More questions?

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