



CARE SERVICES UPDATE



Dear Administrative Agency (AA) and Care Coordinator Staff, see below for important announcements:

- 1) New Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Guidelines for 2020**
- 2) New Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) Forms**
- 3) FUNdamentals Call Update**
- 4) Corona Virus Update**
- 5) Prevention of Disease and Illness Through Vaccine Administration**

Programmatic News Flash

1. 2020 FPL Guidelines

- Please visit [here](#) to access the new required Income Calculation Worksheet for 2020, revised to reflect updated FPL.

2. New THMP Forms

- In an effort to reduce the application burden on program applicants, the Texas HIV Medication Program has revised their application forms. New renewal forms will be going out to participants with **April** birthdates. New self-report forms will be going out to participants with **October** birthdates. All updated program forms, including the updated new application, will be available on the THMP webpage by the middle of **March**. THMP will continue to accept both existing and new application materials until **July 1, 2020**.

3. FUNdamentals Call Update (Feb 25, 2:30pm): HIV Surveillance

- Please join us for February conversation, where we will be discussing "Provider Education for Improving HIV Testing and Surveillance."
- Make sure to register in advance for this meeting if you haven't already. If you have any questions, please contact Liza Hinojosa at liza.hinojosa@austin.utexas.edu.

Clinical News Flash

4. Corona Virus Update

- Information and guidance regarding the Corona Virus see link: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

5. Prevention of Disease and Illness through Vaccine Administration

- The following vaccines are available to all Texas Ryan White Part-B Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services providers free of charge through the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program:

ASN Available Vaccines
Hepatitis A vaccine
Hepatitis B vaccine
Combination hepatitis A-hepatitis B vaccine
Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine
Measles, mumps, & rubella (MMR) vaccine
Meningococcal vaccine
Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23)
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13)
Tetanus, diphtheria, & pertussis (Tdap) vaccine
Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine
Varicella vaccine
Zoster vaccine

- The ASN program allows for a \$25.00 administration charge per vaccine, which can be billed to the Texas Ryan White Part B & State Services contracts as a line item in ARIES to cover the cost of staff and supplies.
- Vaccine administration charges are only allowable when using the ASN program and ASN vaccines. More information on the ASN program is available at: <https://dshs.texas.gov/immunize/ASN/providers.aspx>