Responding to HIV/AIDS in Illinois

Remarks to the Adequate Health Care Task Force

AIDS Foundation of Chicago
June 27, 2006
AIDS-Related Deaths Since 1981

**United States:**
530,000

**Illinois:**
18,000

**Chicago:**
12,000

Sources: CDC, June 2005; IDPH, 2003 AIDS Cases; CDPH, 2005-6
People Living with HIV

**United States:**
1 million - 1.1 million

**Illinois:**
40,000 - 42,000

**Chicago:**
31,000 - 33,000

Sources: CDC, June 2005; IDPH, 2003 AIDS Cases; AFC, January 2006, CDPH, 2005-6
Estimated Annual HIV Infections

**United States:**
40,000

**Illinois:**
1,600

**Chicago:**
1,200

Source: CDPH, 2005-6; AFC, 2006
Health Disparities

- Half of all new HIV infections occur among people under age 24
- HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 25-34
- 1 in 4 gay/bisexual men is HIV+
- 1 in 2 African-American gay/bisexual men is HIV+

CDC estimates, 2000-2003
## People Living with HIV

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MSM = men who have sex with men; Hetero = heterosexual; IDU = injection drug use

Sources: CDC, June 2005; IDPH, 2005 HIV/AIDS Cases; AFC, January 2006, CDPH, 2005-6
Co-factors Fueling HIV/AIDS

- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Substance abuse
- Mental Illness
- Incarceration
- AIDS stigma, homophobia, racism
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
Healthcare Access for the 1 Million Americans Living with HIV

- 22% Medicaid
- 6% Dual Eligible
- 8% Medicare
- 12% Ryan White
- 15% Private Insurance

49% Not In Care
Federal AIDS Funding in Illinois

- Ryan White, CDC: $22.3
- Ryan White, Min. Health: $1.2
- MH/Sub. Abuse, CDC: $9.9
- MH/Sub. Abuse, HOPWA: $3.1

Amounts in millions
Kaiser, Statehealthfacts.org, FFY 04
Federal HIV/AIDS Funding for Illinois

Health Resources & Services Admin (HRSA):
- **$74.5 million** total granted to Chicago and IL Depts of Public Health, community clinics, and universities for healthcare and supportive services
- CARE Act must be “payor of last resort”

CDC:
- **$23.2 million** total Chicago and IL Depts of Public Health
- Funds HIV prevention services and surveillance

HUD:
- **$9.9 million** total to Chicago and IL Depts of Public Health through the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program
- Provides housing and support services

Other:
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse: **$3.1 million**
- Minority Health: **$1.2 million**

*Note: Does not include Medicaid, Medicare, which account for 75% of federal HIV/AIDS spending*
Illinois AIDS Drug Assistance Program

- **State GRF**: $12.6 m ($2.5 m new this year!)
- **Federal**: $27.8 m
- **Total**: $40.4 million

**Services:**
- HIV/AIDS drugs and insurance premiums

**Eligibility:**
- Income below $39,200 (400% of poverty) and no or inadequate prescription drug coverage

![Race/Ethnicity of ADAP Clients](chart)

- White 36%
- African American 41%
- Hispanic 22%
- Asian 1%
Recommendation:

Expand Medicaid to Low-Income, Non-Disabled People with HIV

- Illinois should pursue a federal 1115 waiver to expand coverage to HIV+ people before they become disabled

- More than 10,000 HIV+ Illinoisans are uninsured
Recommendation:

Protect the Essential Cook County Healthcare Safety Net

- Cook County is the largest provider of HIV medical care in Illinois
- 80% of all Illinois HIV/AIDS cases have been reported in Cook County
- County gov provides approximately half of all publicly financed HIV/AIDS care in Cook
- Federal Medicaid cuts jeopardize the system of care in Cook County
Recommendation:

Invest in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- ADAP helps keep HIV+ Illinoisans healthy and productive
- ADAP assists HIV+ Illinoisans without coverage or private resources to obtain life-saving HIV medications
- Jointly funded by the federal and state governments, ADAP is an essential part of the healthcare safety net
- Federal and state testing efforts will result in more people knowing their HIV+ status and needing ADAP
Recommendation:

Expand the Medicaid Buy-In Program

- Illinois should help more disabled residents return to work by raising the income eligibility threshold for “Health Benefits for Works with Disabilities” from 200% FPL to 400% FPL

See www.hbwdillinois.com
Recommendation:

Expand Access to the State’s High-Risk Pool Insurance Program

- Illinois should institute reforms to make the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Program more affordable and accessible:
  - Open enrollment
  - Decrease premiums, cost-sharing
  - Increase prescription drug coverage
Recommendation:

Help Small Businesses Afford Healthcare

– Just one employee with a chronic condition like HIV can make healthcare unaffordable for a small business
– Without protections for small groups, employers are more likely to discriminate against people with HIV
Recommendation:

Adopt Science-Based HIV Prevention Strategies

Illinois should expand:
- Comprehensive, Age-Appropriate Sexuality Education (SB 2267)
- Proven-effective needle exchange programs
- Condom distribution programs
- Family planning services
- Behavioral interventions for high-risk groups
- Social marketing to promote safer sex, HIV testing, and HIV care services
- HIV prevention and care services for prisoners and ex-prisoners
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Housing assistance for people with special needs
More Information

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