# **Affordability**

PrEP is covered by most insurance programs and private pay options may also be available. For those concerned about cost, our PrEP Navigator is available to help individuals discuss payment assistance options and find the solution that fits their needs.



Caring Communities is committed to offering a welcoming, inclusive, judgment-free space for all clients seeking services, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

Additionally, we employ bilingual staff in each of our programs in order to best serve the needs of our Spanish-speaking community.

### **Donations**

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, Caring Communities welcomes donations to best serve our clients.

All donations are tax deductible.



Donations allow us to provide additional direct care services not funded by our state and federal grants and contracts.

Visit our donation page at the QR code provided.



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PrEP is a daily medication for individuals who are HIV-negative and looking to help lower their risk of acquiring HIV.

### What is PrEP?

PrEP stands for pre-exposure prophylaxis. The word "prophylaxis" means to prevent or control an infection or disease. Studies show PrEP can lower the risk of getting HIV through sex by 99%.

PrEP must be taken as prescribed. Individuals who use PrEP will need to schedule an appointment with our office every three months for follow-ups and prescription refills.

PrEP can be administered in multiple ways. Our staff can help individuals find the best form of PrEP for their lifestyle and budget. Schedule an appointment to discuss available options.

Please Note: PrEP <u>does not</u> protect a person from contracting other STIs. We highly recommend using condoms to prevent the spread of other STIs. Caring Communities offers free condoms at all of our locations.



## **Pharmacy Services**

Our Pharmacy Services are available to clients as part of our PrEP program. This includes:

- Mail-Order Medications
  - » Medications are mailed in discrete packaging for convenience and confidentially
- Assistance with monitoring monthly refills
- 24/7 access to a pharmacist

### Starting PrEP is as easy as

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### Make an appointment

Our Health & Wellness Centers in Bloomsburg, Hazleton, and Wilkes-Barre al offer PrEP services.

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### Get preliminary assessments

Before starting PrEP, you'll need to be sure you don't have an active HIV or Hepatitis B infection. You will also be screened for other STIs and general kidney function.

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# Discuss PrEP options with your provider

Our PrEP Navigators will help you decide which PrEP options will work best for your lifestyle.

## **Stopping PrEP**

If an individual decides to discontinue treatment, that person must get tested for HIV and choose an alternative HIV prevention strategy.

If possible, PrEP should continue for four weeks after the last significant exposure to HIV.

# Health & Wellness Centers

Our Health & Wellness Centers offer additional services to those concerned about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and other reproductive health concerns.



#### Assessment

Assessments for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, bacterial vaginosis, trichomoniasis, herpes, HIV, Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and additional STIs



#### **Treatment**

Help accessing treatment for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, bacterial vaginosis, and trichomoniasis



#### **HIV Care**

Anti-retroviral treatment and laboratory services for case-managed clients



#### Prevention

Full PrEP services and free condoms (including non-latex)



#### Information

Accurate, non-judgmental answers to questions about sexual health, risk reduction planning, and information and referrals to additional community resources



#### Reproductive Health

Routine gynecological care including contraceptive consultations (including oral, injectables, patches, and rings), pregnancy testing and counseling, basic infertility counseling, and basic gynecological services

