

OVERVIEW OF THE TEXAS HIV MEDICATION PROGRAM



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OBJECTIVE

The Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) provides medications for the treatment of HIV and related complications to low-income Texans.

KEY FACTS

- ◆ During fiscal year 2017, THMP served 19,138 clients.
- ◆ The HIV Formula Care grant (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Part B, grant), which funds HIV medications and services, is the largest federal grant received by the Department of State Health Services during the 2018–19 biennium.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

The Eighty-fifth Legislature, General Appropriations Act, 2018–19 Biennium, provides \$43.5 million in General Revenue Funds (\$210.2 million in All Funds) for HIV and sexually transmitted disease medications.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 85, Subchapter C, HIV Medication Program

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 85, Subchapter K, Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee

The Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 98, Texas HIV Medication Program

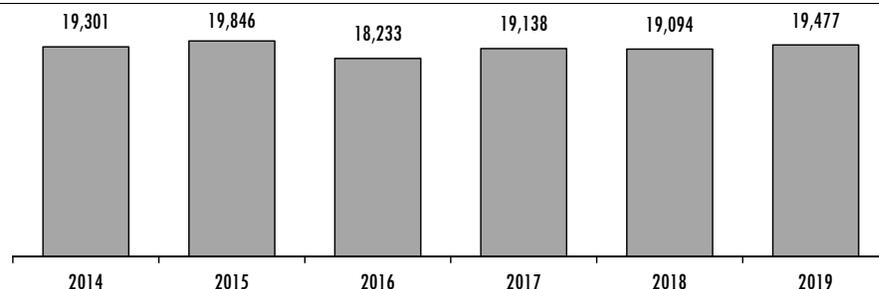
42 United States Code, Section 300ff

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) operates the Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP). THMP is the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for Texas. An ADAP is a program administered by a state or territory to provide medications to low-income individuals with HIV. THMP was started in 1987 by the Texas Department of Health. The program was codified by Senate Bill 959, Seventy-first Legislature, Regular Session, 1989. The federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP), Part B, authorizes ADAPs.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

THMP consists of three programs. The oldest program is the ADAP, which began in 1987. ADAP purchases medications from a wholesaler and distributes them to participating local pharmacies for distribution to ADAP clients. The second program, the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP), began in January 2008. SPAP covers out-of-pocket costs associated with Medicare, Part D, prescription drug plans. Covered costs include premiums, copayments, deductibles, coinsurance, and coverage during the coverage gap. The third program, the Texas Insurance Assistance Program (TIAP), began in July 2013. TIAP covers out-of-pocket medication costs associated with Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) health insurance or private insurance, including copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance. TIAP also covers insurance premiums for COBRA, but not for other insurance plans. **Figure 1** shows THMP clients for fiscal years 2014 to 2019.

FIGURE 1
CLIENTS PROVIDED SERVICES BY THE TEXAS HIV MEDICATION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEARS 2014 TO 2019



NOTE: Targets for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 are established in the Eighty-fifth Legislature, General Appropriations Act, 2018–19 Biennium.
SOURCE: Department of State Health Services.

ELIGIBILITY

THMP is a payer of last resort. THMP-eligible clients must be:

- diagnosed as HIV-positive;
- a Texas resident;
- at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; and
- uninsured or underinsured for prescription drug coverage.