

## **HIV and AIDS**

The Los Angeles County Public Health Organization's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy offers several free or low-cost health care services to individuals with AIDS and HIV diagnoses.

### **Who is eligible?**

Eligibility requirements vary by program and service provider. An HIV-positive diagnosis or AIDS diagnosis may be required to receive services. Formal assessment is based on the State Office of AIDS guidelines and determines what types of services clients may be eligible for. Most programs offered in Los Angeles County require participants to be Los Angeles County residents. Some programs and provider clinics require that clients be residents of specific geographical areas within Los Angeles County.

### **How does immigration status affect eligibility?**

For most services, satisfactory immigration status is not required.

### **What benefits are covered?**

A wide range of services are offered depending on need. Services may include: screening, testing, treatment, service coordination, case management, psychological counseling, respite care and crisis intervention.

### **How are services delivered?**

HIV and AIDS services fall under the direction of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Office of AIDS Programs and Policy. There are many organizations that offer services throughout Los Angeles County. (See contact information below.)

### **What is the cost?**

Fees may apply for services depending on the provider. Some programs are offered at no-cost for those who cannot afford to pay.

### **What about other insurance?**

Most providers accept Medi-Cal patients or patients with private insurance. Patients on managed care must receive pre-authorization before being seen. Upon authorization, the managed care plans will be billed for services rendered.

### **Contact information:**

To receive more information on services for HIV/AIDS:

- Visit HIV L.A.'s website: <http://www.hivla.org> (This website allows the user to view the various types of services offered and lists service provider by geographical location).
- Visit <http://www.aids hotline.org>
- Contact the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) by calling 1-888-575-2327 or visit <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ooa/Programs/CARE/adap.htm>