Are all the medications I need provided by this program?

Not necessarily – the THMP provides only antiretroviral medications and specific drugs to treat HIV-related opportunistic infections, so you may need to utilize local resources and/or the manufacturer's patient assistance programs for other medications. Please contact the THMP for further details.

I've applied and been approved for the THMP. Now how do I obtain the medications?

Once approved for the THMP, you will be assigned to a designated pharmacy. Both you and the pharmacy will be mailed a notification letter listing your client code number, approved drugs, and assigned pharmacy. You will then be eligible to obtain your medications each month from that pharmacy with a valid prescription from your physician.

What will be done with the information I provide?

The Texas Department of Health regards all information in the application as confidential. No information that could identify you will be released, except as allowed by law (for example, your doctor and pharmacist will be aware of your HIV status) or as specifically designated by you (such as a specific case manager or social worker you've authorized us to speak to on your behalf).

For more information, call the THMP hotline:

1-800-255-1090

(this is a free call)

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Texas HIV Medication Program

Providing drugs for HIV-related illnesses

What is the Texas HIV Medication Program?

The Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) is the government funded AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for the State of Texas. The THMP provides certain prescription drugs to persons with HIV infection lacking the financial means to pay for them. The drugs provided are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are used in the treatment of illnesses caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and other opportunistic infections.

Who is eligible for the THMP?

To be enrolled in the THMP, you must:

◆ be diagnosed as HIV-positive, with a CD4 count and viral load on file with a licensed physician

◆ be a Texas State resident

◆ meet certain income guidelines

◆ be otherwise uninsured or underinsured for prescription drug coverage (this information must be verifiable)

What are the income guidelines?

To qualify financially for the THMP, you, your spouse (whether legal or common law), and your children under age 18 that reside with you must have an annual adjusted gross income that falls at or below 200% of the current Federal poverty income gudelines. The poverty guidelines are updated annually; please contact the THMP for specific figures. Proof of your household's income is required at the time of application to the THMP.

I'm currently eligible for Medicaid in Texas. Should I still apply to the THMP?

Certainly! In fact, even HIV-infected Texans who are receiving Medicaid prescription coverage are encouraged to apply to the THMP for assistance beyond the three prescription per month limit imposed by standard Texas Medicaid, with the understanding that the THMP can only provide assistance once your Medicaid slots have been filled for the month.

How do I apply to the THMP?

You can get an application and program guidelines by calling our program's hotline: either **1-800-255-1090** statewide, or **512-490-2510**. You may also write to our program at the following address:

Texas HIV Medication Program
Texas Department of Health
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756-3199
Attention: MSJA

or visit our website at:
www.tdh.state.tx.us/hivstd/meds.htm

Many hospitals, clinics and HIV service agencies also have copies of the application available, and staff to help you complete it. In addition to the pages of the application that you complete, your physisican must fill out the Medical Certification Form (MCF) included in the application packet to verify your HIV status and qualifying medical criteria.

While you wait for the packet to arrive, please collect check stubs, W-2 forms, copies of benefit entitlement letters, or other facts about your income. This information will help you to speed up the THMP application process.