

The Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) is the official AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for the state of Texas. THMP provides free medications that treat HIV and its related complications for low-income people living in Texas. To qualify for medication assistance, applicants must meet eligibility requirements for where they live and how much money they make.

In December 2020 and January 2021, THMP enacted several policy changes that may affect its clients throughout the state. Additional policy changes will take place in the near future. These changes include:

- **Elimination of THMP's Spend Down Policy:** THMP's eligibility formula no longer includes a "spend down" allowance equal to the cost of a participant's yearly HIV medication cost. THMP's current eligibility formula requires a client's household income to be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPL).

Clients whose income is over 200% FPL at their next eligibility determination will no longer be eligible to participate in THMP. Ryan White service providers are able to help these clients sign up for other HIV medication programs. Please contact your service provider if you need help paying for your HIV medication.

- **Elimination of 90-day HIV medication fills:** THMP no longer provides clients with 90-day supplies of HIV medication. Clients are only be able to request and receive 30-day HIV medication fills, even if they received 90-day HIV medication fills from THMP in the past. THMP continues to provide 90-day fills for non-HIV medications that treat chronic health conditions.
- **Elimination of Hepatitis C (HCV) Medication Program:** THMP has discontinued its HCV treatment program. Clients who are currently participating in this program will be allowed to complete treatment. However, THMP is no longer accepting new enrollments for this program.
- **Delays in processing applications:** THMP continues to experience significant delays in application processing times. If you recently applied to the program and have questions about your application status, please contact your service provider or call THMP's hotline at 800-255-1090 for assistance.
- **Updated Application Rollout:** THMP plans to roll out an updated program application form on March 1, 2021. The updated form will be used to for new enrollments, annual recertifications and self-attestations. The application will require supporting documentation, including proof of residency and income. Clients who apply on or after March 1, 2021 should expect to provide supporting documentation with their application. Clients who have questions about the updated application or documentation requirements should contact their service providers for additional assistance.