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To: Local Health Departments

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Subject: **Use of 340B STD Funds for HIV nPEP, HIV PrEP, and DoxyPEP**

This memo provides an update to the prior communication issued on February 5, 2025, which outlined the criteria under which Local Health Departments (LHDs) may use unspent 340B STD state-provided funds. These funds may be used to purchase medications for HIV non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP), HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and doxycycline for bacterial STI Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (DoxyPEP), provided the following criteria are met.

Criteria for using unspent 340B state provided funds for HIV nPEP, PrEP, and DoxyPEP:

- **In mid-March and mid-May of each year, LHDs must assure at least a three-month supply of the STD drugs required to treat the STIs listed in the NC Administrative Code [10A NCAC 41A .0204](#) are on-hand at the LHD.**

If the above condition is met, any unspent or uncommitted 340B STD state-provided funds may be used to purchase HIV nPEP and PrEP medications, as well as doxycycline for DoxyPEP, prior to the end of the Addendum Agreement (AA#894 “STD Drugs”) funding periods on March 31st and May 31st, respectively. This flexibility is intended to support LHD efforts to expand access to highly effective HIV and STI prevention strategies for the communities you serve.

Due to the high cost of HIV nPEP and PrEP medications, we continue to recommend that 340B STD funds be used primarily as a short-term bridge for eligible clients until a sustainable source of coverage is secured (e.g., patient assistance programs or insurance). Please note that all clients receiving medications purchased under your STD 340B registration must meet 340B patient eligibility requirements: [340b-eligible patient \(https://www.340bpvp.com/Documents/Public/340B%20Tools/340b-glossary-of-terms.pdf\)](https://www.340bpvp.com/Documents/Public/340B%20Tools/340b-glossary-of-terms.pdf).

The most up-to-date CDC guidelines for HIV nPEP, HIV PrEP, and DoxyPEP can be accessed at the below links:

- [Updated guidelines for antiretroviral postexposure prophylaxis after sexual, injection drug use, or other nonoccupational exposure to HIV—United States, 2025](#)
- [HIV PrEP Guideline - 2021 Update \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Guidelines – United States, 2024](#)

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