



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

ROY COOPER • Governor

KODY H. KINSLEY • Secretary

MARK BENTON • Deputy Secretary for Health

SUSAN KANSAGRA MD, MBA • Assistant Secretary for Public Health

Division of Public Health

January 10, 2024

To: Local Health Departments

From: Victoria Mobley, MD MPH  
Medical Director, HIV/STD Program

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

This memo is an update to a prior memo sent out June, 24, 2022 outlining criteria under which local health departments may utilize unspent 340B STD state provided funds to purchase medications for HIV non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in STI prevention efforts.

In addition to HIV nPEP and PrEP, doxycycline, when taken within 72 hours of condomless sex, has been shown to significantly reduce the risk of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis infections in men who have sex with other men (MSM) and transgender women (TGW). This new bacterial STI prevention tool, also known as Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis or DoxyPEP, is another strategy to help reverse the rising STI trends in our NC communities. More detailed information regarding DoxyPEP can be found here [Efficacy of Doxycycline as PEP to Prevent Bacterial STIs \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/STI/STI-Prevention/STI-Prevention-Tools/STI-Prevention-Tools-FAQs/STI-Prevention-Tools-FAQs-DoxyPEP.html).

Therefore, LHDs may also utilize unspent 340B STD state provided funds to purchase doxycycline to support DoxyPEP use for MSM and TGW at high risk of bacterial STIs, as long as the below criteria is 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 as listed in the NC Administrative Code, [10A NCAC 41A .0204](#) are available on-hand at the LHD.**

If the above condition has been met, any unspent or uncommitted 340B STD state provided funds can be used to purchase HIV nPEP and HIV PrEP medications as well as doxycycline for DoxyPEP before the end of the Addendum Agreement's (AA#894 "STD Drugs") two (2) funding periods on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** and **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, respectively. We hope this will support LHD efforts to increase access to these highly effective HIV and STI prevention strategies for the residents you serve.

Due to the expense of HIV nPEP and PrEP medications, we continue to recommend that the 340B STD funds only be used to bridge eligible clients until a definitive source for the medication is established (e.g. patient assistance programs or insurance coverage). As a reminder, all clients receiving medication purchased under your STD 340b registration must be a [340b-eligible patient](#) (<https://www.340bvpv.com/Documents/Public/340B%20Tools/340b-glossary-of-terms.pdf>).

**NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

LOCATION: 225 N. McDowell St., Raleigh, NC 27603

MAILING ADDRESS: 1902 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1902

www.ncdhs.gov • TEL: 919-733-7301 • FAX: 919-715-1020

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

The most up to date CDC HIV nPEP, HIV PrEP, and DoxyPEP guidelines can be access at the following websites:

- [Updated guidelines for antiretroviral postexposure prophylaxis after sexual, injection drug use, or other nonoccupational exposure to HIV—United States, 2016 \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [PrEP Guideline 2021 Update \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Federal Register :: Guidelines for the Use of Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for Bacterial Sexually Transmitted Infection \(STI\) Prevention; Request for Comment and Informational Presentation](#) \*\*CDC HAS NOT FINALIZED DOXYPEP GUIDELINES \*\*

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

We appreciate your commitment to maintaining and promoting the health of all North Carolinians.