

Addressing PrEP/ PEP use disparities amongst marginalized communities by way of a peer-led collaborative initiative

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Objectives

- Discuss AltaMed's Pharmacy PrEP/PEP Furnishing program
- Understand how peer led PrEP/ PEP services address health disparities

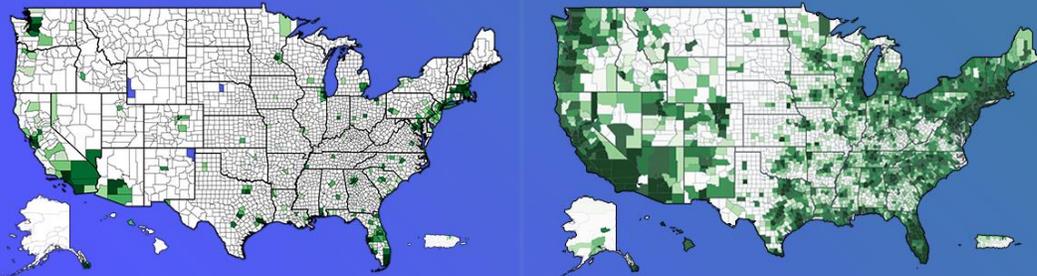


Background

From 2012 to 2021, PrEP users increased by over 3,500%, with an average increase of 56% per year.

2012

2021



Number of Persons Using PrEP, 2012 and 2021

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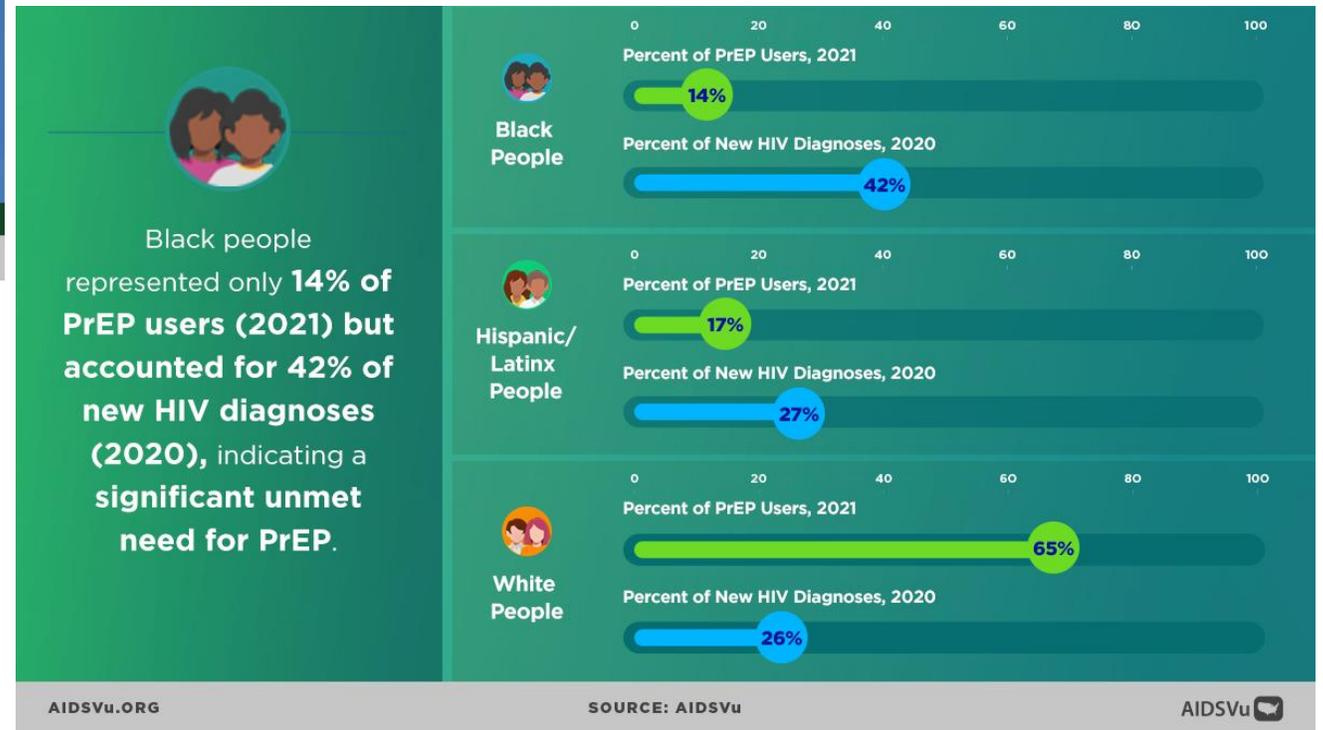
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- While PrEP access is increasing...

...BIPOC communities still have significant unmet needs



Background

Barriers to BIPOC access to PrEP and PEP



- Provider language
- Long wait times
- Lack of insurance
- Medical distrust
- Cultural stigma
- Social pressure
- Shame
- Provider PrEP knowledge and comfort

SB 159 opens the door

- 2020 Law allows patients to begin their PrEP/PEP care at the pharmacy

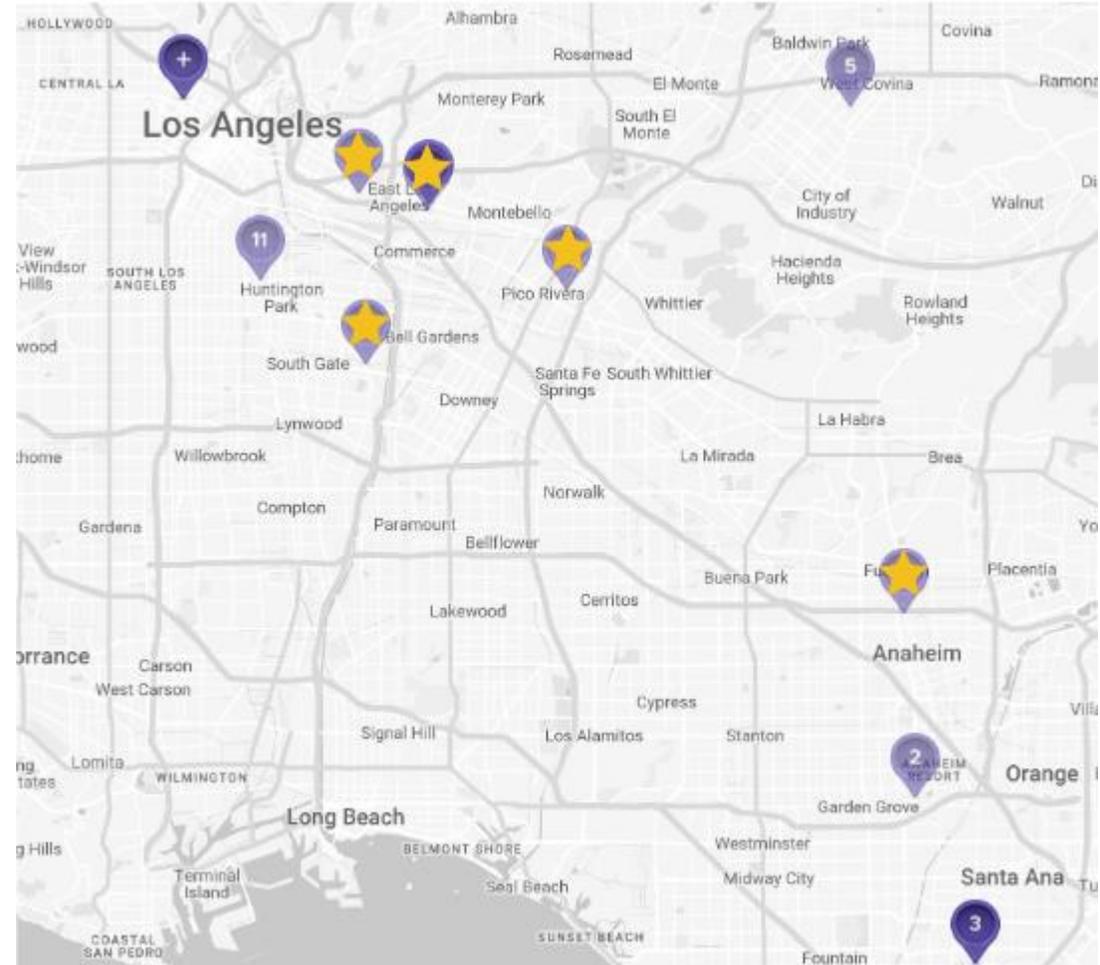


	current process	under SB 159 (Wiener)
PrEP	<p>patient makes appointment with primary care physician</p> <p>physician orders labs and waits for lab results</p> <p>after receiving lab results, physician orders PrEP</p> <p>patient visits pharmacist with prescription</p> <p>pharmacist furnishes PrEP</p>	<p>patient visits pharmacist</p> <p>pharmacist confirms patient is HIV negative</p> <p>pharmacist counsels and notifies patient must be seen by primary care provider for monitoring/subsequent refills</p> <p>pharmacist furnishes PrEP (if patient is clinically eligible)</p> <p>CONVENIENT NO APPOINTMENT LESS-STRESS</p>
PEP	<p>patient visits urgent care, ER or primary care physician WITHIN THE FIRST 72 HOURS OF EXPOSURE</p> <p>physician orders prescription</p> <p>patient visits pharmacist with prescription</p> <p>pharmacist furnishes PEP</p>	<p>patient visits pharmacist WITHIN THE FIRST 72 HOURS OF EXPOSURE</p> <p>pharmacist furnishes PEP</p> <p>CONVENIENT NO APPOINTMENT LESS-STRESS</p>

Where Do We Provide This Service?

Pharmacies: % Latinx Population

- Commerce: 95.3%
- Anaheim: 53.4%
- Pico Rivera: 90.9%
- South Gate: 95.9%
- Boyle Heights: 93.0%



How we furnish under SB 159

Step 1

Patient walks in to an AltaMed Pharmacy asking for PrEP/PEP.

Step 2

Patient is linked with a PrEP Navigator who conducts and intake and provides an HIV test if necessary.

Step 3

Patient is routed back to the pharmacist, who then dispenses medication and confirms a follow up with an AltaMed Provider or outside medical group PCP.



The Basics

PrEP Navigators

- Facilitates program
- Trains staff
- Center of communication
- Patient intake and education
- Guide patients to resources to ensure retention and adherence

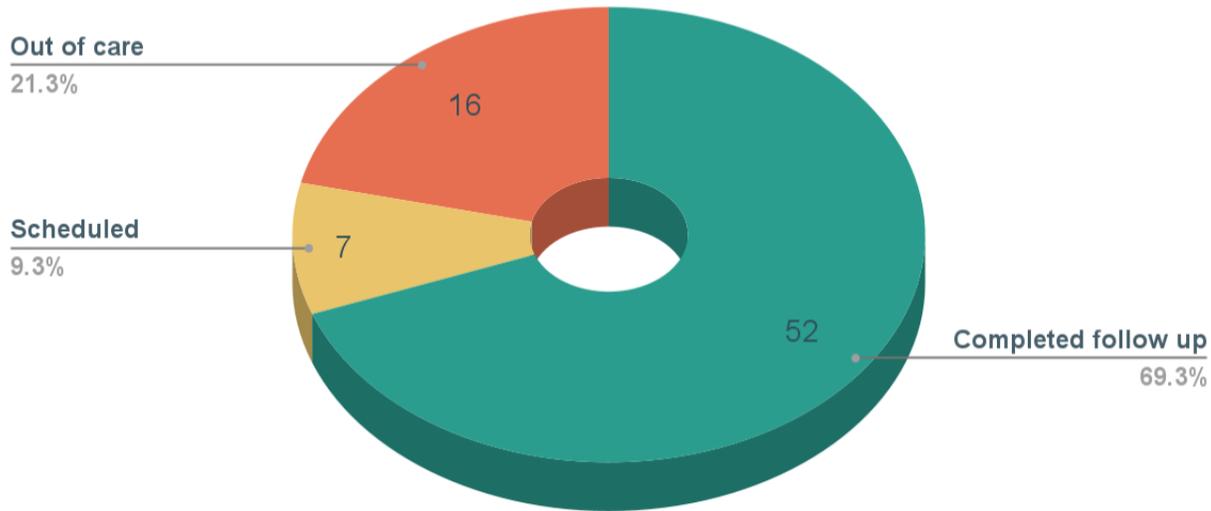
Pharmacists

- Review documentation
- Order initial blood work labs and STI testing
- Confirm patient's follow up appointment
- Dispense medication



What are the Current Numbers?

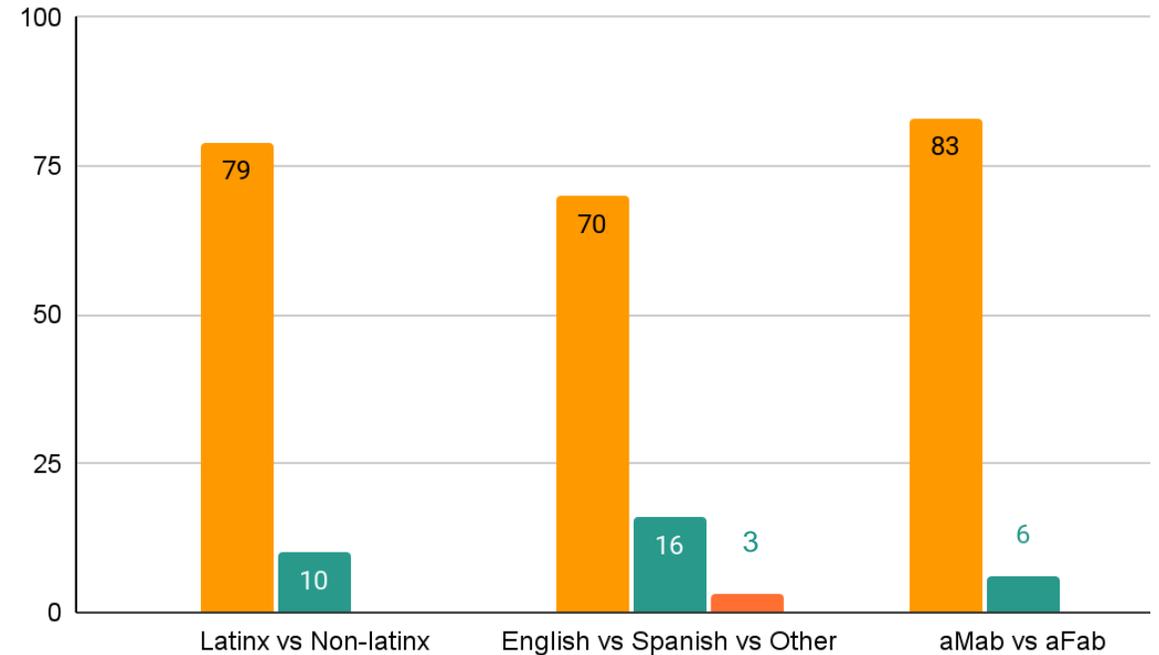
92 Total Patients: 72 PrEP 20 PEP 70 New to AltaMed



As of 11/22/2022



Demographics



Who Benefits?

Patient/Community benefits

- Preferred language
- Extensive one-on-one care
- Alleviate medical distrust
- Remove financial hurdles
- STI testing access
- Timely access to PrEP/PEP



Future Direction and Limitations



- Train additional Pharmacies
- How do we improve retention?
- This is a quality improvement project happening within a Federally Qualified Health Center
- Findings are not generalizable
- Data on patient outcomes are limited

