

# Changes in PrEP Options



On October 1, 2020, a generic version of a medication used for PrEP (Truvada) became available.

## PrEP OPTIONS

There are three options for PrEP for HIV prevention:

- 1 Brand-name Truvada
- 2 Brand-name Descovy
- 3 Generic Truvada

You may have questions about what PrEP medication is right for you and/or what to do if your health insurance switches you to a different medication. Here's some more info.

**There is a safe and effective PrEP option for everyone.**

## SAFETY & EFFECTIVENESS

There are a few clinically significant differences between Truvada, generic Truvada, and Descovy.

- 1 Descovy hasn't been studied with people who may be exposed to HIV through vaginal or front hole sex, or who are taking PrEP 2-1-1 (also called "PrEP on-demand" or "event-based PrEP")
- 2 People who are over 50 years old, people with kidney function impairment, and/or people with osteoporosis or bone issues may benefit from taking Descovy over Truvada or generic Truvada.

Other than these exceptions, it is safe for the vast majority of people to switch from one version of PrEP medication to another.

## INSURANCE COVERAGE & COSTS

Your insurance company may change their PrEP medication coverage. Payment options will vary based on if you have insurance, what type of insurance you have, and if you qualify for PrEP assistance programs.

**We can help you address any copay or insurance problems that you may encounter at the pharmacy. Call us or email us at (415) 437-3450 or [prep@sfaf.org](mailto:prep@sfaf.org).**

## PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE INSURANCE

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Flyer will be updated when new information is available.

	Truvada	Descovy	Generic Truvada
<b>Medication payment assistance</b>	Possibly no Advancing Access (Gilead)*	Advancing Access available (Gilead)	No copay assistance through drug manufacturer (TEVA), as of current version of flyer
<b>Medication payment assistance</b>	Ready, Set, PrEP assistance available (Federal government)	Ready, Set, PrEP assistance available (Federal government)	

## PEOPLE WITH PUBLIC INSURANCE

(Medicaid/Medi-Cal, Medicare, Tricare & Veterans benefits)

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<b>Medication access</b>	Clients might be switched to generic Truvada (To stay on brand name Truvada, a Treatment Authorization Form can be used; Truvada would be covered with authorization form)	Descovy is covered	Generic Truvada is covered
<b>Medication payment assistance</b>	PrEP-AP (California state program)** Patient Advocate Foundation (private foundation)**	PrEP-AP (California state program)** Patient Advocate Foundation (private foundation)**	PrEP-AP (California state program)** Patient Advocate Foundation (private foundation)**

## PEOPLE WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE

	Truvada	Descovy	Generic Truvada
<b>Medication access</b>	Clients might be encouraged or forced to switch to generic Truvada	Clients may be required to provide clinical documentation to stay on Descovy	Some insurance companies are offering \$0 cost for client; unclear if copay assistance available through drug manufacturer (TEVA)
<b>Medication payment assistance</b>	Gilead co-pay cards available*	Gilead co-pay cards available	TEVA co-pay cards available
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\*At this time, we are unsure how long Gilead co-pay cards and uninsured coverage will be available for brand-name Truvada.

\*\* These are income-based assistance programs that require coordination with your provider in order to enroll.



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