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Community Access National Network

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The Community Access National Network (CANN) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization (formerly incorporated under the "Ryan White CARE Act Title II Community AIDS National Network") focusing on public policy issues relating to HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. Its coalition-based work is done on behalf of its patient advocacy groups, pharmaceutical partners and government agencies.

CANN's programmatic projects include:

- **National ADAP Working Group**, or **NAWG**
- **Hepatitis: Education, Advocacy, and Leadership**, or **HEAL**
- **HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch**
- **Medicaid Watch**

National ADAP Working Group (NAWG)
NAWG brings members of the HIV/AIDS community and industry together to engage in conversation about the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). This format was and still is extremely progressive since it takes into account all of the many different stakeholders to create a comprehensive view of the program and funding.

In 2015, NAWG published twenty-two (22) news distributions including information and updates on issues relevant to ADAP.

Hepatitis: Education, Advocacy & Leadership (HEAL)
HEAL raises awareness about Viral Hepatitis, and also educates consumers, community partners, and policy-makers about the fastest growing public health epidemic since AIDS: **HCV infection**.

In 2015, HEAL periodically hosted stakeholder meetings to discuss emerging issues. It published twenty (20) news distributions, including newsworthy articles on the latest testing, treatment, advocacy, and policy news. It published twenty-six (26) blogs – which are available online at https://communityaccessnationalnetwork.wordpress.com – as well as published an important infographic, "*Hepatitis C Therapies Covered by the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs*" (see page 3).

Additionally, HEAL hosted (or co-hosted) the following events:

1. Congressional Briefing: High Out-of-Pocket Costs for Patients Living with HIV/AIDS and/or Viral Hepatitis.
2. HIV/HCV Co-Infection Free Pre-Conference Workshops.
3. Webinar on Harm Reduction #1: Syringe Exchange Service, Law Enforcement Relations and Legislative Advocacy.
4. Webinar on Harm Reduction #2: Overdose Prevention as an Engagement Tool for HIV & HCV.

HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch
The HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch is as a patient-centric informational portal serving three primary groups – patients, healthcare providers, and AIDS Service Organizations.

HCV infection is the most common chronic blood borne infection in the United States; approximately 3.2 million persons are chronically infected. Approximately 12,000 people die every year from HCV-related liver disease. The number of HCV-related deaths per year has outnumbered those dying from AIDS. It is estimated 200,000-300,000 people in the United States are co-infected with both HIV and HCV infections. Experts believe that about 25% of Americans with HIV also have HCV; conversely some 10% of people with HCV are thought to also have HIV. Without information, and access to comprehensive medical treatment, patients living with HIV and HCV infections are likely to progress to complicated liver diseases, such as cirrhosis of the liver, ultimately leading to liver failure and early death.

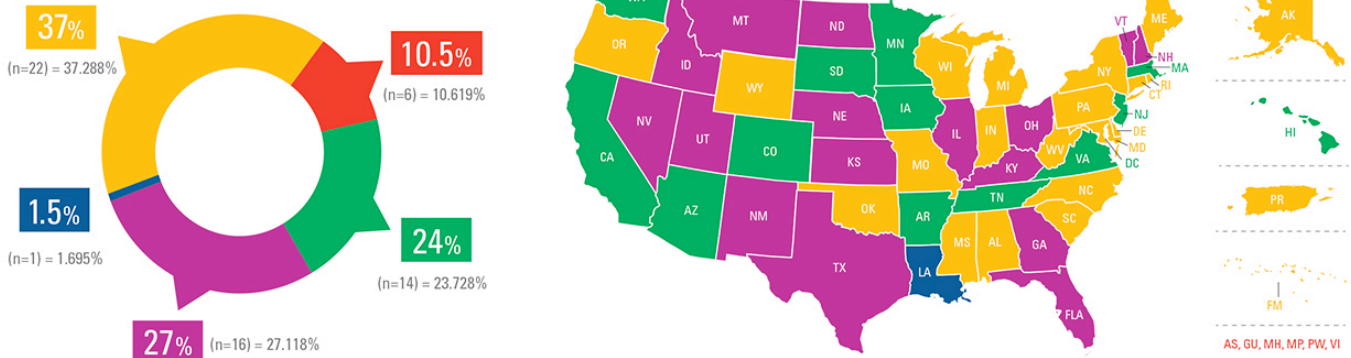In 2015, twelve (12) HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch reports were published and posted online at http://www.tiicann.org/co-infection-watch.html.
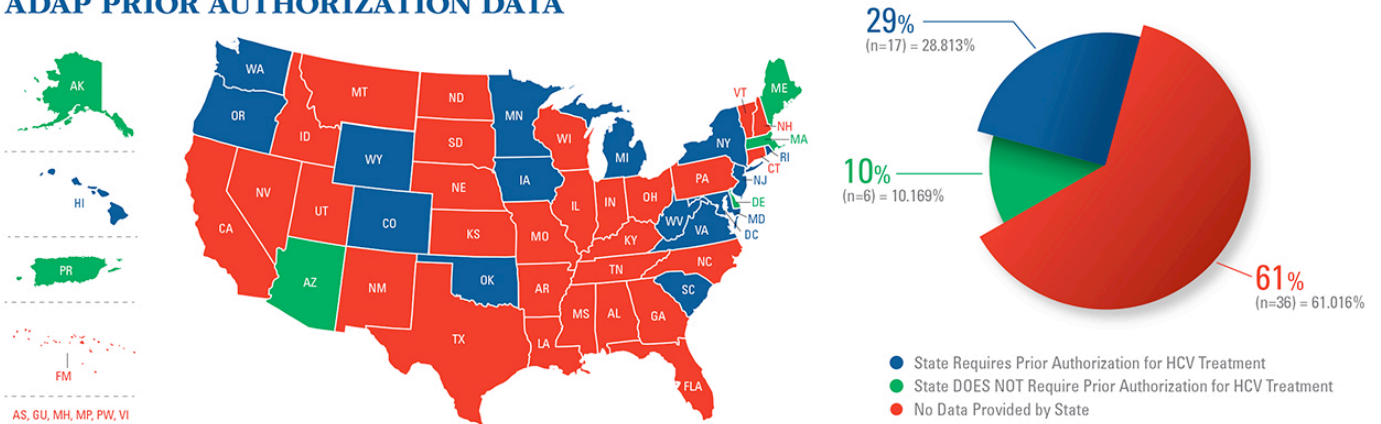

Medicaid Watch
The Medicaid Watch monitors State Medicaid and healthcare spending cuts and expansions, as well as state-level Medicaid eligibility and access news. It also reports on other state health assistance programs, including: State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP); State Pharmacy Assistance Programs (SPAPs); and Safety-net hospitals offering free or discounted care to the indigent.

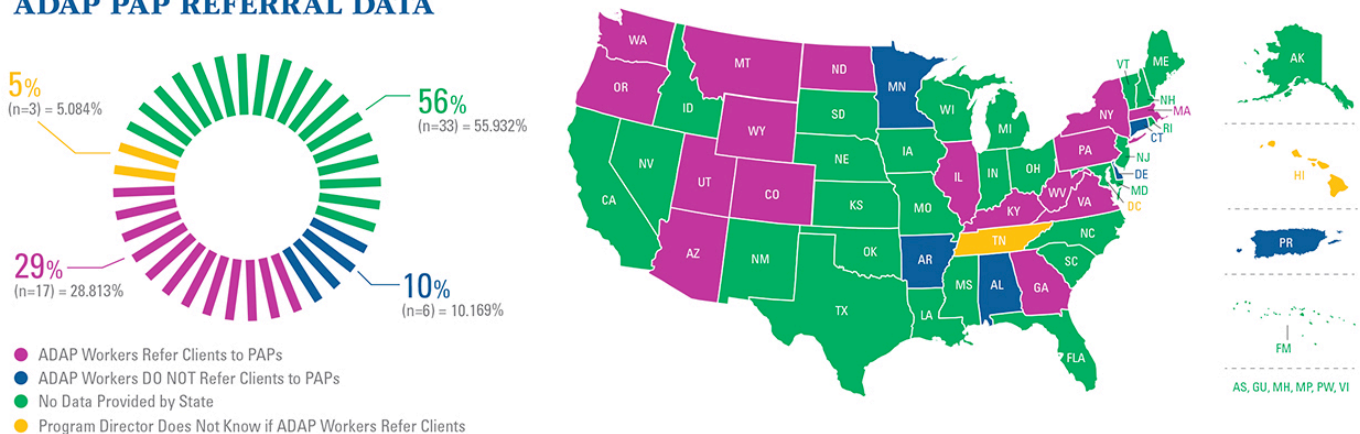In 2015, eleven (11) Medicaid Watch reports were published and posted online at http://www.tiicann.org/medicaid-watch.html.

THE STATE OF COVERAGE FOR ADAP

37%
(n=22) = 37.288%

10.5%
(n=6) = 10.619%

1.5%
(n=1) = 1.695%

24%
(n=14) = 23.728%

27% (n=16) = 27.118%

AS, GU, MH, MP, PW, VI

ADAP PRIOR AUTHORIZATION DATA

29%
(n=17) = 28.813%

10%
(n=6) = 10.169%

61%
(n=36) = 61.016%

AS, GU, MH, MP, PW, VI

- State Requires Prior Authorization for HCV Treatment
- State DOES NOT Require Prior Authorization for HCV Treatment
- No Data Provided by State

ADAP PAP REFERRAL DATA

5%
(n=3) = 5.084%

56%
(n=33) = 55.932%

29%
(n=17) = 28.813%

10%
(n=6) = 10.169%

- ADAP Workers Refer Clients to PAPs
- ADAP Workers DO NOT Refer Clients to PAPs
- No Data Provided by State
- Program Director Does Not Know if ADAP Workers Refer Clients

AS, GU, MH, MP, PW, VI

abbvie

Abbott
A Promise for Life

ACHILLION

Bio Biotechnology Industry Organization

Bristol-Myers Squibb

gsk GlaxoSmithKline

GILEAD

janssen

MERCK

PhRMA

RAMSELL
HOLDING CORPORATION

ViiV
Healthcare

Walgreens

» ADAP Advocacy Association (aaa+)

» AIDS Alabama

» AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)

» AIDS United

» Dab the AIDS Bear Project

» Flowers Heritage Foundation

» Hepatitis Foundation International (HFI)

» Housing Works

» National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (NATAP)

» National Association of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

» National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)

» Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)

» Patient Access Network Foundation

» Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC)

» The Partnership for Safe Medicines

» The AIDS Institute (TAI)

» Treatment Expansion Access Project (TAEP)

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To sign-up for the HEAL list-serve, go to https://www.tiicann.org/signup_heal.html.

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