



THE PRESCRIBER e-LETTER

Upcoming Changes to Health Safety Net Reimbursement of Medications to Treat Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

The Health Safety Net (HSN) changed the management of HSN formulary on January 12, 2026. More information is on the MassHealth Drug List [HSN Formulary page](#). Please see [Pharmacy Facts](#) 258, 265, 267, and 270 for more information on HSN formulary changes.

Effective October 1, 2026, HSN Is Shifting Reimbursement of HIV Medications to the HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP)

Effective October 1, 2026, HSN is shifting reimbursement of HIV medications to the **Massachusetts HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP)**, a Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) program administered by Community Resource Initiative (CRI). **All HSN patients living with HIV will need to enroll in HDAP.**

HSN patients impacted by these changes are also getting notified of these requirements. They have been instructed to complete an HDAP application online at www.crihealth.org/drug-assistance/hdap or access help by emailing hdap@crihealth.org (preferred) or calling (617) 502-1793. **Please note: a clinician's signature is required to enroll in HDAP for the first time. Providers should work with patients to enable them to enroll in HDAP as soon as possible.**

A new prescription will not be necessary once the patient is enrolled in HDAP. The pharmacy will use the same prescription, and the patient will be able to receive the same medication.

The Prescriber e-Letter is an update designed to enhance the transparency and efficiency of the MassHealth drug prior authorization (PA) process and the MassHealth Drug List. Each issue highlights key clinical information and updates to the MassHealth Drug List. The Prescriber E-Letter was prepared by the MassHealth Drug Utilization Review Program and the MassHealth Pharmacy Program.