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VERIFYING YOUR INFO JUST GOT EASIER

Medicaid members and individuals applying for health coverage have a new and easy way to send documents and verify information needed to process applications or respond to other requests. Visit the CoverVA or Cubre Virginia websites to learn more about how to use the new email address, covervadocs@conduent.com. You can scan and upload, attach electronic copies, or take a picture of your information and send it using this convenient option. If additional information is needed, you will receive another letter by mail



explaining next steps.

Please note that this email address is available only for sending information to Virginia Medicaid. Do not send questions to this address; you will not receive a response. If you have questions, please call the Cover Virginia call center at **(855) 242-8282**.

This new email address was created to help individuals apply for Medicaid during the COVID-19 health emergency, but the Department of Medical Assistance Services will continue to maintain it as a convenient service to our members and applicants.

Learn more by visiting any of these pages on the CoverVA website.

- Application page: <https://www.coverva.org/apply/>
- Renewal page: <https://www.coverva.org/renew/>
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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VIRTUAL RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (RWHAP) CLINICAL CONFERENCE THIS YEAR!

The International Antiviral Society - USA (IAS-USA), a partner with HRSA HAB and the AETC for the annual Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clinical Conference, will present the 2020 HIV Update courses to virtual programs. IAS-USA will convene webinar updates on key HIV care and treatment issues June and July. **Please note these dates are earlier than the other part of the RWHAP national conference.** Each session will cover antiretroviral therapy (ART), new ART drugs and strategies, and the intersection of COVID-19 and HIV. Each session has a regional focus but is open regardless of the participants' location.

- West Coast: June 29, 10 am – 3:15 pm PT (Chairs: Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH University of California San Francisco and Robert T. Schooley, MD University of California San Diego)

- East Coast: July 14, 10 am – 2:50 pm ET (Chairs: Jeffrey L. Lennox, MD Emory University and Michael S. Saag, MD University of Alabama at Birmingham)
- Midwest: July 30, 10 am – 2:45 pm CT (Chairs: Constance A. Benson, MD University of California San Diego and Paul A. Volberding, MD University of California San Francisco)

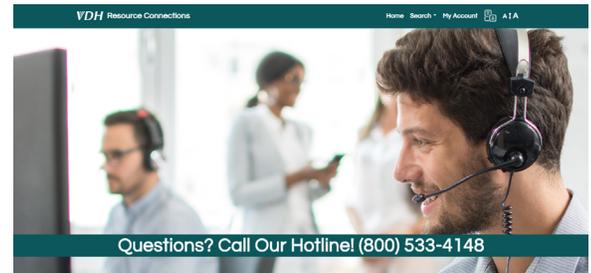
[For more information and to register.](#) There is a \$35 registration fee. RWHAP B subrecipients can use RW funding for the registration fee if needed.

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RESOURCE CONNECTIONS LAUNCHED

The DDP has launched its new web-based, searchable directory for community resources that replaces the old Iris database. The Resource Connections directory allows the public and other service providers to search for and be connected with the services they need. Resource Connections can be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/vdhconnections>.

Earlier this year, DDP gave instructions to directly-funded partners on how to create an account and update their organization’s information. Thank you to all the agencies that already completed that process. For other community partners that work with DDP, please feel free to follow [these instructions](#) to create an account in Resource Connections and update any information that was imported into the system and may be out of date. Moving forward, all organizations that have an account will receive an automated email prompting them to check their organization information for accuracy.



Resource Connections
Find the services you need

 HIV Services	 HIV & STD Testing	<p>The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Disease Prevention, is pleased to present Resource Connections. Resource Connections is our new searchable database to help you find the HIV and STD services you may need. This database includes information on prevention, testing, HIV care services, and support services. This tool will allow you to search services by type, location, or key words.</p> <p>If you need help or additional information, please call the Virginia Disease Prevention Hotline at (800) 533-4148. The hotline is open Monday through Friday from 9am until 5pm. Feedback on the database is well appreciated.</p>
 PrEP and r-PrEP	 Hepatitis Services	

Any feedback and questions on the directory should be submitted to **Sarah Lannon**, Hotline Supervisor, at sarah.lannon@vdh.virginia.gov.

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WANT TO SHAPE HIV PREVENTION AND CARE IN VIRGINIA?

Virginia’s Community HIV Planning Group (CHPG) is recruiting new members. CHPG members include people living with HIV, their friends and family, people who are members of populations or communities at increased risk for HIV, people working directly in HIV prevention and care, or people whose work intersects with HIV prevention and care (such as housing experts, mental health caregivers, pharmacists, etc.). New members from the Eastern region of Virginia will be a focus this recruiting cycle.

Since April 2020, the CHPG has met monthly via zoom for two hours. When CHPG resumes in-person, meetings will occur six times per year. Members outside of Richmond will be reimbursed for travel. You may find the [Get Involved](#) page on the VDH website helpful.

For more information, consult CHPG’s [charter and bylaws](#) and [Virginia’s Integrated HIV Services Plan](#). Persons interested in joining are also welcome to [observe a meeting](#). Those ready to apply can find the online application [here](#), or contact **Kristen Donovan** at kristen.donovan@vdh.virginia.gov for a paper copy of the application to submit via mail or fax.

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NCSD HOSTS WEBINARS ON AT-HOME TESTING

On Friday, May 8, 2020, the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) hosted a webinar titled, [More to Cover: At Home HIV/STD Testing in the COVID-19 Landscape](#). The webinar was the second in a series of webinars on at-home testing



during COVID-19 and highlighted innovative HIV/STD service delivery models from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Building Healthy Online Community’s ‘Take Me Home’ testing program. The [recording and slides](#) are now available. Future webinars in this series can be found [here](#).

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PREP AMBASSADOR EVALUATION

In 2016, DDP launched the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Ambassadors program. Twenty community members have served as ambassadors, sharing information about PrEP and other topics with their social media followers and networks. DDP recently completed an evaluation of the program, which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/307Qdih>. Please take a moment to read about this promising approach to engaging priority populations in HIV prevention activities!

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TROJAN MAGNUMS – IN STOCK NOW!

Trojan Magnum condoms are the condoms most frequently requested. We now have them in stock in cases of 1,000! Along with enhancing your regular condom distribution, they can be used as gifts and incentives for encouraging safer sex. Female condoms FC2, or insertive condoms, are also back in stock! You may order in units of 100, or by the case (1,000). Please place orders of both products as needed.

If you are not already signed up for the free VDH Condom Distribution, please contact **Beth Marschak** at elizabeth.marschak@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-8008. Both health districts and community partners are eligible and may order up to 100 cases a year (100,000 condoms).

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PERSONNEL

Welcome

HIV Care Services is pleased to welcome **Terry Clark**, a new HIV Services Coordinator, to the HIV Care Services team. Terry, who started on May 25, 2020, brings experience as a PrEP Coordinator with Peninsula and Hampton Health Districts, Medicaid enrollment and auditing, and a Master’s in Public Health from Eastern Virginia Medical School. Terry can be reached at (804) 864-7219, or terry.clark@vdh.virginia.gov.



Terry Clark and Family

STD Prevention and Surveillance welcomes **Kaylah Young**! Kaylah is a Public Health Intern from the George Mason University MPH program, and will be completing her practicum at VDH this summer. Kaylah can be reached at kaylah.young@vdh.virginia.gov.



Kaylah Young

Welcome

We are pleased to announce the Division of Disease Prevention has two new Deputies.

Elaine Martin will oversee the HIV Care Services and HIV & Hepatitis Prevention units. Elaine can be reached at (804) 864-7962, or elaine.martin@vdh.virginia.gov.

Diana Prat will oversee the STD Prevention & Surveillance and HIV Surveillance units. Diana can be reached at (804) 864-7961, or diana.prat@vdh.virginia.gov.



Elaine Martin

Congratulations to Elaine and Diana!

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