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SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS (SEPS) FOR MARKETPLACE INSURANCE COVERAGE

FEMA has declared COVID-19 a national emergency. If an individual qualified for a Special Enrollment Period but missed the 60-day enrollment deadline because of COVID-19, he/she may be eligible for another SEP. People might also qualify if they lost coverage since January 1, 2020 due to COVID-19. The following link, www.healthcare.gov/sep-list/, provides more information on a variety of circumstances for SEPs and who may qualify. Individuals should contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) to determine their eligibility for an SEP.

Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP) clients can call the program's enrollment assister, Benalytics (855-483-4647), for help in contacting the Marketplace Call Center to determine their eligibility for an SEP. If they qualify, Benalytics can also help enroll them into a VDH-approved plan. Clients completing this process on their own should complete these two steps if they are approved to enroll in plan: 1) Contact VA MAP (855-362-0658) or Benalytics (855-483-4647) and provide details of the plan (insurance carrier, plan name, plan effective date, premium amount, maximum out-of-pocket amount) and 2) Send copy of billing statement (when received) to VA MAP or Benalytics.

If you have questions, please contact **Kimberly Eley**, the Healthcare Reimbursement Specialist for HIV Care Services, kimberly.eley@vdh.virginia.gov.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FROM CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) PS21-2102: Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community-Based Organizations. **Letters of Intent are due September 30, 2020 to CBOFOA@cdc.gov. The application deadline is November 20, 2020, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.** Virginia non-profit organizations are eligible to apply and activities may be conducted across jurisdictional boundaries.

To access the Announcement and Application Package:

1. Go to: www.grants.gov
2. Select: "Applicants" from the top menu
3. Select: "Apply for Grants"
4. Select: "Download a Grant Application Package"
5. In the "Funding Opportunity Number" box, type the number formatted as: CDC-RFA-PS21-2102

For additional information, please visit the PS21-2102 website <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/funding/announcements/ps21-2102/index.html>. Questions should be directed to CBOFOA@cdc.gov.

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REVISED RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM POLICIES

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently revised Policy Clarification Notices 1501 and 1502 to allow use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) funds to pay for staff training and professional licensure. RWHAP-funded sub-recipients may charge staff training necessary to provide high quality RWHAP services to the appropriate service category. These costs include training registration, maintenance of licensure and/or credentials, and individual membership dues. Organizational membership dues cannot be attributed to a service category, and are therefore administrative costs subject to the 10% cap. Clinical Quality Management (CQM) costs include membership dues for CQM-related professional organizations; quality-related certification, recertification, and continuing education.

For additional information about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and the full policy clarification notices, visit <https://hab.hrsa.gov/program-grants-management/policy-notice-and-program-letters>. If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Browder** at (804) 864-7199 or mary.browder@vdh.virginia.gov.

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3 DAY VIRTUAL STI INTENSIVE COURSE

The [STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at Johns Hopkins](#), the [Virginia HIV/AIDS Resource and Consultation Center](#), and VDH DDP invite you to participate in a 3-day virtual STI Intensive course. The course will run from October 28 until October 30 from 8:45 am until 4 pm.

Physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, nurse clinicians working in STD, family planning, and other primary care clinics in both public and private settings, trauma centers, acute care clinics, and clinicians that examine patients are encouraged to attend.

The course size is limited. Continuing education is provided for attendees who attend the entire course and pass the post test. Please contact **Felencia McGee** at felencia.mcgee@vdh.virginia.gov, or (804) 864-7289, if interested in attending.

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HALF-DAY VIRTUAL SYPHILIS TRAINING

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and [STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at Johns Hopkins](#) are teaming up to offer a free training designed to increase knowledge of clinical manifestations and complications of syphilis, statistics specific to the region, and more. Physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse clinicians, physician assistants, health educators, outreach workers, social workers, health administrators, and other clinical personnel are encouraged to attend.

The course will take place on October 1 through Zoom from 12 noon until 4:45 pm. Please pre-register and create an account on the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers NNPTC Website: https://courses.nnptc.org/class_information.html?id=2880.

Continuing education credit: (Physicians), CNE (Nurses), CEU, CECH (Certified Health Education Specialists), CPH (Certified Public Health), CPE (Pharmacists). If you have any questions, please contact **Jeanne Hoover** at (443) 984-3990 or (410) 206-1156, or email jhoover6@jhmi.edu. **Diana Prat** is an alternate contact at diana.prat@vdh.virginia.gov.

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PERSONNEL

Congratulations

SPS congratulates **Kaylah Young** on her transition from Public Health Intern to Enhanced Gonorrhea Surveillance Specialist. In her new role, Kaylah will be coordinating enhanced gonorrhea surveillance initiatives, including provider follow-up for suspected diagnoses of disseminated gonococcal infection (DGI). Kaylah recently completed her practicum with SPS this summer, and has now met the requirements for her Master of Public Health degree from George Mason University. Kaylah can be reached at kaylah.young@vdh.virginia.gov. Congratulations, Kaylah!



Farewell

Ayibatari Burutolu's last day with DDP was Friday, September 4. We wish Ayibatari all the best in her new position! For any items that may have been mailed or faxed with attention to Ayibatari, please notify **Casey Merwin** at casey.merwin@vdh.virginia.gov.

Latanya Crawford left her position as HIV Surveillance Epidemiologist with DDP and began a new role in the Office of Family Health Services. DDP is currently recruiting for this position. **Chelsea Canan**, chelsea.canan@vdh.virginia.gov, Lead HIV Epidemiologist, is filling in while the position remains vacant.

Darnell Barrington resigned his position with HIV and Hepatitis Prevention effective August 21, 2020. During his three years with VDH, Darnell managed the Bridges 757 CDC demonstration project. He also served as the mentor and supervisor for the inaugural year of the Ryland Roane Fellowship Program. Darnell accepted the position of Director of Health Department Initiatives with the Southern AIDS Coalition. We wish Darnell well in his new endeavors.

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