



Maine AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) HIV Diagnostics and Laboratory Test Policy

Background:

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is a federally funded program that provides life-saving medications to people living with HIV (PLWH). The Maine ADAP is managed through the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (MeCDC), HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Program.

All Mainers living with HIV must have access to comprehensive medical care, including laboratory testing, in order to monitor and manage their health. Maine's ADAP provides assistance to PLWH in the form of prescription medication purchase, as well as payment assistance to cover the cost of health insurance premiums, deductibles, and prescription co-pays. The ADAP will now offer limited assistance, to clients, to help defray the costs of laboratory testing that is integral to the treatment and monitoring of HIV.

Maine ADAP/Laboratory Testing Assistance Program Policy Overview:

1. Any client wishing to access the laboratory testing assistance must be a member of the ADAP. All standard ADAP eligibility requirements apply.
2. The ADAP will pay for laboratory testing integral to the treatment of HIV including: CD4, Viral Load, Genotype, Phenotype, the Trofile assay, and other prior authorized tests. The number of allowable tests per year will be limited.
3. The ADAP will pay the medical provider, or the lab, directly for the client's share of eligible laboratory costs. The ADAP must be the payer of last resort and will not reimburse clients under any situation.
4. Eligible laboratory costs may include a co-pay, a contribution to the insurance program's deductible, or in certain cases, the full cost of the laboratory test.
5. Laboratory testing assistance offered through the ADAP will be limited by the ADAP budget established each year on April 1st.

1. Who is Eligible:

Am I required to be an member ADAP client?

- PLWH are required to be active clients of the ADAP in order to receive help with laboratory services. Clients earning \$4,255 per month or less are eligible for ADAP services in 2007.
- To receive ADAP assistance, (1) a two-page Application Form and (2) a one-page Release Form must be completed by the client, and a physician, nurse, or case manager, and submitted to the ADAP office. Address is listed on the second page of this document.
- The ADAP application form, ADAP information, and other health insurance information is available:
 - Through HIV Case Managers
 - On the web: www.MainePublicHealth.gov - HIV Care / ADAP section
 - Over the phone: Lynn Berry
ADAP Client Services Coordinator
207-287-2899

2. Getting Laboratory Assistance through the ADAP:

Which laboratory tests will the ADAP cover? And how-often?

- The ADAP will assist with the costs of laboratory tests that are integral to the treatment and monitoring of HIV.

Laboratory Test	Frequency for Eligible Coverage
Viral Load	Once every 3 months
CD4	Once every 3 months
Genotype	Once per year
Phenotype	Once per year
Trofile Assay	With a prior authorization; Once per year
Other HIV diagnostic and laboratory tests (CBC, CMT, HLA, vaccine titers, etc...)	With a prior authorization

3. Getting Laboratory Assistance through the ADAP:

How much will the ADAP cover?

- The ADAP wants to ensure that you have access to the quality HIV care you need.
- For active ADAP clients, the ADAP will pay for eligible laboratory co-pays, deductibles, or if you have no health insurance, the full cost of the test. By federal law, the ADAP is required to be the payer of last resort. If you have health insurance, they must be billed first.
- Depending on the level of ADAP coverage for each client, the ADAP may cover:
 - Co-Pays for eligible laboratory tests;
 - A contribution to the health insurance deductible for eligible laboratory tests; or
 - The full cost for eligible laboratory tests

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Getting Laboratory Assistance through the ADAP:

How do I access this coverage?

- The ADAP strongly recommends that all providers check with the ADAP to determine if a client is eligible for laboratory assistance through the ADAP before ordering any tests.
 - To check the ADAP status of a client, call the ADAP office at 287-5551.
- The ADAP will not reimburse clients for laboratory costs.
 - The ADAP will pay the medical provider directly or,
 - The ADAP will pay the laboratory directly.

Clients, laboratories, or providers can submit bills directly to the ADAP at:

Amy Nunan
 286 Water Street, 9th Fl
 11 State House Station
 Augusta, ME 04333

For Assistance, Please Call Amy Nunan at 287-5551