



**Public Town Hall Conversation:
HIV Medication Access Workgroup
September 20, 2021
5:30 – 7:00pm**

Purpose of this Meeting: This Public Town Hall Conversation is essentially an opportunity to obtain information from the general public about access to HIV medications for persons receiving Medicaid benefits in Washington State. This information will supplement data gathered in previous and future meetings of the HIV Medication Access Workgroup in order to inform efforts of the Washington State legislature to reduce the spread and burden of HIV and enhance the quality of life for persons living with the disease.

Background Information: The Washington Legislature has charged the Washington State LGBTQ commission, in collaboration with the health care authority, department of health, advocates for people living with HIV in Washington, consumers, and medical professionals with expertise in serving the Medicaid population living with HIV, to consider and develop recommendations regarding:

- (i) Access to HIV antiretroviral drugs on the Medicaid drug formulary, including short- and long-term fiscal implications of eliminating current prior authorization and fail-first requirements;
- (ii) Impact of drug access on public health and the statewide goal of reducing HIV transmissions; and
- (iii) Maximizing pharmaceutical drug rebates for HIV antiretroviral drugs.

In an effort to accomplish this charge, a series of meetings were scheduled for in-depth discussions to explore contributing factors and develop strategies.

Process of Meeting: This Town Hall Conversation will be facilitated by Manny Santiago, Executive Director of the Washington State LGBTQ Commission with assistance from consultants engaged to support this process.

Agenda

Time	Activity
5:20	Log in
5:30	Welcome and Housekeeping: <i>Manny Santiago and Omar Santana</i>



5:40	Overview of previous meetings: <i>Manny Santiago</i>
5:45	<p>Invitation for public commentary and key questions to guide this conversation: <i>Manny Santiago and Renee McCoy</i></p> <p>It is believed that persons living with HIV who are receiving Medicaid continue to face challenges to accessing medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think those challenges are? How do they affect the lives of persons living with HIV? Are some groups more challenged than others? If so, how? • What solutions do you recommend? • If nothing changes within the system currently in place for persons living with HIV who receive Medicaid, what do you think will happen? • What are the issues that impact the quality of life for persons living with HIV who receive Medicaid?
6:45	Review of key points from conversation: <i>Renee McCoy</i>
6:50	Moving Forward: <i>Manny Santiago</i>