

THMP LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE TREATMENT PILOT FAQ

Who is eligible for the long-acting injectable treatment pilot?

The THMP is prioritizing clients eligible for the Texas Insurance Assistance Program-PLUS (TIAP-PLUS) who are waiting for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period to enroll in an eligible health insurance plan.

Depending on program use, slots will become available to clients in the following order:

- Clients who are eligible for TIAP-PLUS but do not want to enroll due to continuity of care concerns, and
- Clients eligible for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

Since the long-acting injectable pilot falls under the Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP), clients must:

- Have a positive HIV diagnosis,
- Reside in Texas,
- Be at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) after the “standard deduction,” and
- Have no insurance for HIV prescription medication.

Additionally, a provider must determine the client meets medical criteria to prescribe them a long-acting injectable treatment.

THMP can only send the long-acting injectable to a site that has an agreement with the Department of State Health Services.

How many clients can enroll in the pilot?

The THMP will accept 210 clients who fit the criteria listed above into the pilot. Clients will join the pilot on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional slots may open as clients transition off the THMP and into TIAP-PLUS.

How can I enroll my clients in the pilot?

If your client’s healthcare provider believes the client is a good fit for a long-acting injectable treatment, the provider must submit the [long-acting injectable treatment Medical Certification Form \(MCF\)](#) to the THMP.

How will the client receive treatment?

After receiving the MCF, the THMP will coordinate with the client's local agency, healthcare provider, and participating THMP pharmacy to determine if the client is willing and able to receive injections of the long-acting regimen at a site able to store them.

After the THMP identifies a suitable pharmacy, it will enroll the client in the pilot and inform both the client and the participating site of their eligibility to order long-acting injectable treatment regimens. Once the THMP receives the order, the program will ship out the long-acting injectable medication.

My facility does not have cold storage available. How can my patients receive treatment under this pilot?

Since the long-acting injectable treatment is a suspension that must remain refrigerated, the THMP must ship the treatment to a facility capable of storing the medication.

If your facility works with a pharmacy capable of storing the medication, they can request to become a THMP Participating Pharmacy for all or specialty-only medications by filling out the [Request to Become a Participating Pharmacy](#) and [Vendor Information](#) forms and sending it to THMP.*

If your facility and participating pharmacy cannot store the long-acting injectable treatment, the THMP will work with your agency to find an appropriate location for the client.

When will shipments start?

THMP will accept MCFs for long-acting injectable treatment starting in September 2025. Shipments will begin as soon as the THMP approves the client and the pharmacy warehouse receives the order.

Where can I find more information?

Please do not hesitate to contact THMP at **800-255-1090** or hivstd@dshs.texas.gov if you have more questions about the long-acting injectable pilot.

Fast Facts

Long-acting injectable treatment refers to an injectable antiretroviral therapy that must be stored in a refrigerator prior to administration.

Clients must be eligible for THMP services to enroll in the long-acting injectable treatment pilot.

For general inquiries regarding our HIV/STD programs, call us at

737-255-4300

or visit

dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/

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* Please send the Request form and Vendor Information form to THMP:

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