#### Ending the Epidemic Task Force Recommendation Form



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Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)

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Q2: Title of your recommendation Reduce New HIV Infections to Zero and AIDS

Zeaths to Zero

#### Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

Reduce new HIV infections and AIDS deaths to zero by the end of the year 2020. We suggest setting zero as the target to overshoot the goals in the Governor's plan so as to increase the chances of at least reaching and possibly surpassing them.

Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)

Identifying persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and linking them to health care

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Linking and retaining persons diagnosed with HIV to health care and getting them on anti-HIV therapy to maximize HIV virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission

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Facilitating access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative

Q5: This recommendation should be considered by
the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force
Committee (Select all that apply)

Data Committee: Develop recommendations for metrics and identify data sources to assess the comprehensive statewide HIV strategy. The Committee will determine metrics that will measure effective community engagement/ ownership, political leadership, and supportive services. It will also determine metrics that will measure quality of care, impact of interventions and outcomes across all populations, particularly identified sub populations such as transgender men and women, women of color, men who have sex with men and youth. In addition, the Committee will evaluate to determine optimal strategies for using data to identify infected persons who have not achieved viral suppression and address their support service, behavioral health, and adherence needs.

# Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?

Change to existing program,

Other (please specify) Measure of NYS Plan to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2020

Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?

Respondent skipped this question

#### Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?

HIV transmission will end. AIDS deaths will end. NYS will have eliminated AIDS as an epidemic by the end of 2020.

#### Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?

No jurisdiction has yet accomplished these objectives. NYS will need to enroll all high-risk and HIV+ individuals in care and retain them successfully in care. Even if all transmission within NYS and all deaths among already HIV+ New Yorkers are ended, movement of people from outside the state into NYS may bring in new HIV infections or HIV+ persons who will develop AIDS; hence, we must cover all individuals, including those ineligible for Medicaid expansion/ACA coverage.

### Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?

Total costs of the plan and total benefits of the plan will be included in these goals.

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Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?

Respondent skipped this question

#### Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?

HIV-negative New Yorkers.

HIV-positive New Yorkers.

Providers.

Insurers.

Public-health officials.

Government leaders.

Community members.

# Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?

HIV incidence.

HIV prevalence.

Progression to AIDS.

AIDS deaths (HIV-related).

Deaths among people with HIV (non-HIV-related).

# Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following

Ending the Epidemic Task Force member,

Other (please specify)

Ad Hoc End of AIDS Community Group: ACRIA, Amida Care, Correctional Association of New York, Jim Eigo (ACT UP/Prevention of HIV Action Group), GMHC, Harlem United, HIV Law Project, Housing Works, Latino Commission on AIDS, Legal Action Center, Peter Staley (activist), Terri L. Wilder (Spencer Cox Center for Health), Treatment Action Group, VOCAL New York