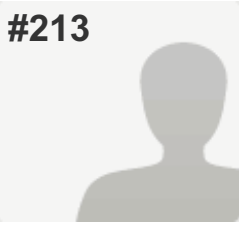


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Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)

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Q2: Title of your recommendation Telemedicine for Specialty Care

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

First and foremost addressing non-medical issues such as safe affordable housing, meeting nutritional needs, mental health and substance use treatment and transportation need to be considered. These factors have a direct correlation to treatment adherence and retention in services.

Once those areas are stabilized ensuring that appropriate care is available must be a priority; HIV specialty care may be readily available in our urban and metropolitan areas but for those in rural counties going to the doctor may be an all-day commitment. I have heard many tales from individuals who have to catch a bus in the early morning and travel 3 to 4 hours for a 20 minute doctors visit then wait a few more hours to catch a return bus.

Telemedicine is one avenue to help address this issue and should be considered in the planning process. Possibly offering incentives to engage providers and help offset the cost of required equipment, etc.

Additionally specialty care, such as oncology and gynecological services, may not be available in many areas based on insurance or a multitude of other factors. These needs could also be lessened through the implementation of telemedicine.

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)

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

Care Committee: Develop recommendations to support access to care and treatment in order to maximize the rate of HIV viral suppression. The Committee will promote linkages and retention in care to achieve viral suppression and promote the highest quality of life while significantly decreasing the risks of HIV transmission. Recommendations will also ensure a person centered approach is taken and that access to culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention and health care services is available.

Housing and Supportive Services Committee: Develop recommendations that strengthen proven interventions enabling optimal engagement and linkage and retention in care for those most in need. This Committee will recommend interventions that effectively address complex and intersecting health and social conditions and reduce health disparities, particularly among New York's low-income and most vulnerable and marginalized residents. These interventions will diminish barriers to care and enhance access to care and treatment leaving no subpopulation behind.

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

New program

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

Permitted under current law

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)?

Within the next year

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following

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