# The Wyoming Department of Health Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) Services

CDU manages HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and tuberculosis prevention, surveillance, and linkage to care for Wyoming. CDU has a variety of resources to serve your patients and your community.

## **Prevention Program**

- STI screening, prevention, and technical assistance for treatment options
- Rapid HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV) tests for CLIA Waived Wyoming safety-net<sup>1</sup> testing sites, no charge to the clinic or the patient.
- KnoWyo
  - o KnoWyo Voucher Site
    - CDU provides free rapid HIV tests to eligible CLIA Waived clinics and pay the safety-net<sup>1</sup> testing site \$15 per test to perform the test and enter the risk assessment information as well as the test results into the CDU data surveillance system
    - CDU will reimburse the cost<sup>2</sup> of HIV, STI, and hepatitis B & C tests for patients with risks based on the current CDU Screening Recommendations. This provides clinics an opportunity to decrease the cost of HIV, STI, and hepatitis testing to patients and utilize available clinic funding in other areas of patient care.
    - KnoWyo testing sites are listed on the KnoWyo "Find a Clinic" tab
    - CDU promotes and advertises KnoWyo, which links patients to testing at KnoWyo testing sites and provides an opportunity for patients to access other clinic services.
    - KnoWyo voucher sites create and redeem vouchers in the KnoWyo software. Invoices are automatically generated for redeemed vouchers on a monthly basis, and CDU automatically processes invoices for payment on a monthly basis.
  - KnoWyo Condom Dispensers
    - Free condom dispensers and condoms to fill the dispensers for Wyoming locations interested in offering free condoms.
    - Locations can be listed on the KnoWyo Condom Locator if desired
      - CDU promotes and advertises KnoWyo which links people to condom dispenser locations and provides an opportunity for patients to access other local services.
    - Provided at no cost to dispenser locations
  - KnoWyo Condom Mailers: discreet, free condom mailers for those living in Wyoming who request a condom mailer. CDU validates the address prior to sending each condom mailer.
  - The KnoWyo website also includes the following:
    - At-Home Testing options
    - Consent
    - Risks
    - STI information
    - CDU 340B and EPT STI medication patient instructions
    - Quiz
    - PrEP medication access navigation assistance
    - Hepatitis C treatment access navigation assistance
  - KnoWyo social media pages provide routine posts related to screening, prevention, treatment and access to care.
- W[h]Y PrEP Matters
  - o Information and resources on PrEP medication for HIV prevention
  - o PrEP Prescriber Toolkit
  - PrEP access navigation

- PrEP kidney function testing patient financial assistance
- HIV Peer Support Navigation provides linkage to an HIV+ peer for any HIV+ person or the parent/guardian of an HIV+ child in Wyoming
- Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) STI medications for safety-net<sup>1</sup> testing sites.
- 340B STI medications, PPD serum, and TB syringes for Wyoming Public Health offices, no charge to the clinic or the patient.
- Prevention supplies for eligible locations; brochures, posters, patient prevention supplies (condoms, lube, dental dams), stickers, Corrections release bags, and other prevention materials, no charge to location
- Funding Opportunities for prevention activities, education, and training
- Tuberculosis (TB)
  - o TB screening, prevention, and treatment technical assistance
  - Financial assistance for the cost IGRAs, chest x-rays, liver function test, and sputum cultures may be available for those who qualify. The Prior Authorization request form for this service can be found on the CDU website.
  - o Annual TB Cohort and Advisory for clinicians providing TB care and services

## **CDU Treatment Program (CDTP)**

- CDTP Funding
  - Funding to support HIV, and HIV related medical services, mental health, substance use treatment, housing services, and other supportive services for people in Wyoming living with HIV. Funding is granted to the CDTP from HRSA Ryan White Part B, HRSA Ryan White Part C, and HUD HOPWA federal programs. Eligibility for CDTP is income based.
- HIV Case Management
  - HIV Case Management is available at all Wyoming public health offices. HIV Case Management sites are
    paid to provide this service to the population. Wyoming community based organizations with social work
    or nursing staff, may be eligible to become a Wyoming HIV Case Managements site.

#### **Surveillance Program**

- Epi/DIS
  - o STI screening, prevention, and treatment technical assistance
  - Interview, education, and partner services for gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C (< 36yo) cases</li>
- CDU Data
- Hepatitis prevention

### **CDU Monthly Webinars**

#### **CDU Monthly Newsletters**

<u>CAPPA</u> is Wyoming's statewide community planning group for HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and hepatitis B & C.

The Care and Prevention Planning Alliance (CAPPA) meetings bring together a diverse group of professionals,

stakeholders, and population members with lived experience to provide insight on how to best meet the needs of Wyoming's population.

<u>CDU Social Media</u> provides routine posts related to screening, prevention, treatment, and access to care CDU Website provides linkage to program information, data, resources, and guidance

All CDU offerings are subject to funding availability.

Find out more about CDU resources on the WDH CDU webpage at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/.