Oregon CAREAssist
AIDS Drug Assistance Program

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What is CAREAssist?

The Oregon Health Authority, CAREAssist Program, is responsible for the administration of Oregon's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). CAREAssist provides access to life saving medications used to treat HIV, prevent the onset of associated opportunistic infections, and improve the overall health of people living with HIV (PLWH) who have limited resources or no insurance coverage. In addition, CAREAssist supports HIV prevention as consistent access to antiretroviral therapy (ART) that is required to maintain suppressed viral loads. PLWH who are virally suppressed are 96% less likely to pass HIV on to their sexual partners. For PLWH who achieve and maintain undetectable levels, there are no documented cases of sexual transmission. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention supports the Undetectable Equals Untransmittable (U=U) initiative agreeing there is "effectively no risk," of sexually transmitting HIV when on ART and undetectable. CAREAssist helps eligible PLWH improve their own health, while significantly reducing the risk of transmitting HIV to others.

The purpose of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program is to ensure that individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving medications.

- ADAP is a mandated program under Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 and it exists in every state.
- Our goal is to ensure that PLWH have access to treatment.
- Each state has an ADAP and each state administers their ADAP differently. In Oregon we purchase medical insurance policies for our clients, cover deductibles, copays and coinsurance up to $10,000 per year for medical care.
- We pay copays and deductibles for RX's and there is not a cap on how much we will pay for medications.
- For clients not on the Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid we also pay dental insurance premiums, copays and deductibles.

Program Eligibility Requirements

- Must be HIV-positive
- Must be a resident of Oregon
- Must be income eligible

  500% or below the federal poverty level (FPL). CAREAssist does not use MAGI. Clients must report all income. CAREAssist uses gross income.

  Include income verification for the entire tax-filing household.

  *Clients recertify every 6 months.

CAREAssist maximum out-of-pocket (MOOP) Assistance

- CAREAssist can pay the copay and deductible for all covered medical expenses and not just for HIV expenses.
- 2021 Maximum is $10,000. which matches the individual MOOP for 2021 individual market plans.

Prescription Assistance

- Open Formulary

  CAREAssist has an open formulary that will cover most prescriptions for most clients.

- In-Network Pharmacy

  CAREAssist works with specific local retail pharmacies and two mail order pharmacies.

  Clients must use an in-network pharmacy in order for CAREAssist to cover copayments.(Clients may fill acute medications at out of network pharmacies.)

- Out-of-Network

  Pharmacies not under contract with CAREAssist/Ramsell.

  Exception: Clients on OHP may use any pharmacy that their CCO allows.

Q: How does CAREAssist decide what benefit group a client goes into?

A: Largely it depends on their insurance.

- **Group 1** – Everyone with insurance other than OHP or VA as primary
- **Group 2** – OHP or VA as primary insurance
- **UPP** (Uninsured Persons Program) – Clients without insurance
- **Bridge** – Clients without insurance, 30-day period
- **Group 1/Insurance Gap or Group 2/Insurance Gap** are sub-groups of 1 & 2 and will allow clients to get medications paid in full while working out insurance issues or waiting a short time for insurance to begin.
- **GAP** is also available for Medicare clients.

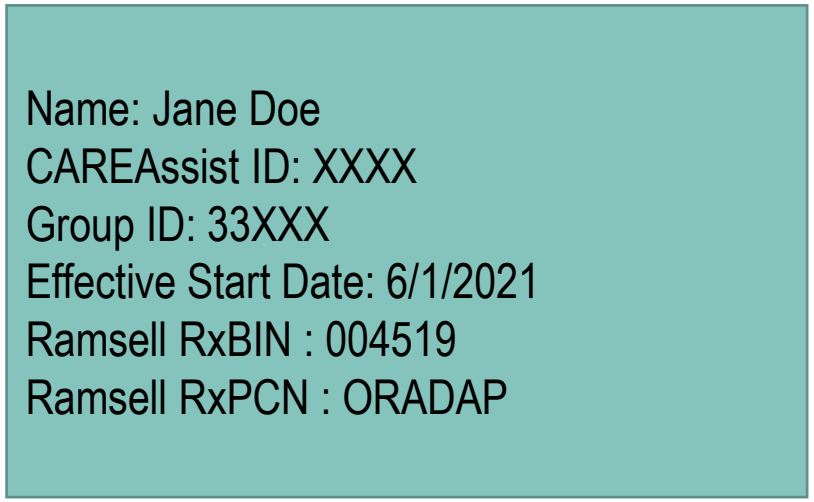
CAREAssist Pharmacy Billing

Benefit Group		
Bridge	33005	
G1 - QHP, Employer, GAP, Off-Exch	33102	
G1 - Medicare	33192	
G2 - OHP and VA	33202	
UPP	33506	
Pharmacy Billing		
BIN	4519	
PCN	ORADAP	
PCN (Medicare)	MCORADAP	

Q: Do CAREAssist clients get cards?

A: All CAREAssist clients get a card that is like an insurance card

Except for Bridge clients.



Questions?

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CAREAssist Website:
www.healthoregon.org/careassist

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We can make it happen.

The time is now.