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Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) New Income Limits Effective October 1, 2025

The SPBP is Pennsylvania's state administered AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). As authorized under the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, the program provides U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications to low-income individuals living with HIV who are uninsured or have limited health care coverage. The SPBP is funded by federal funding through Part B of the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, 340B and ADAP supplemental rebates from drug manufacturers, and limited recoveries from insurers.

Due to the recent unprecedented increase in both program enrollment and the overall cost of medications, it is necessary for SPBP to lower the income limits as a measure to sustain the long-term viability of SPBP.

Effective on October 1, 2025, SPBP will implement new income eligibility limits based on 350% of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). For an individual, the SPBP income limit will be \$54,775 with an additional allowance of \$19,250 per spouse or each dependent in the household, if applicable.

Household Size	Income Limit
Individual	\$54,775.00
+1	\$74,025.00
+2	\$93,275.00
+3	\$112,525.00
+4	\$131,775.00

For individuals not currently enrolled in SPBP, the new income limit will take effect October 1, 2025. All new applications will be reviewed based on the updated income limit.

For individuals currently enrolled in SPBP, the new income limit will take effect after the individual's current eligibility in SPBP ends. When the next reenrollment application is reviewed, the new income limits will apply.



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Example: If the individual's current eligibility is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025, the new income limit will go into effect for the individual at the time of the next reenrollment due on December 31, 2025 for coverage effective January 1, 2026.

In addition, the SPBP will be taking steps to reduce the drugs covered on the formulary and implement other cost savings as necessary. The SPBP continues to have an extensive formulary as compared to other states and we are making the adjustments to the formulary to provide for continued access and availability of a broad a range of medications.

We understand this news may be difficult. The SPBP remains committed to ensuring sustainability and prioritizes coverage of HIV treatment medications for participants. Our Ryan White and ADAP programs will remain funded well above the federal grant amount due to our continued eligibility within the 340B program. The use of the 340B rebate funding is an option that not all jurisdictions choose to undertake.

For individuals who no longer qualify for SPBP, there may be resources available through Pennie - Pennsylvania's official health insurance marketplace and directly from drug manufacturer patient assistance programs. Open enrollment for Pennie (www.pennie.com) begins on November 1st. We encourage you to discuss your medication assistance options with your provider or case manager and to contact the specific manufacturer of the medication prescribed to learn more information about patient assistance programs that may be available. Information about patient assistance programs for manufacturers of the most commonly prescribed medications is available below.

- **Gilead Sciences** - <https://www.gileadadvancingaccess.com/patient> or 800-226-2056
- **ViiV Healthcare** - <https://www.viivconnect.com/hcp/get-financial-support> or 844-588-3288
- **Janssen Therapeutics (Johnson & Johnson)** - <https://www.injwithme.com> or 866-836-0114
- **Merck** - <https://www.merckhelps.com> or 800-727-5400
- **Abbvie** - <https://www.abbvie.com/patients/patient-support/patient-assistance> or 800-222-6885

Sincerely,
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