



In June of 2023, City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County officials pledged to accelerate efforts to end the HIV epidemic by joining [Fast-Track Cities](#). By signing the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities, we pledged to accelerate efforts to end the HIV epidemic by the year 2030. Local efforts, including prevention education, outreach, accessible treatment and linkage to care are invaluable in helping our community to reach global UNAIDS strategies of 95-95-95:

The local community and Fast Track Cleveland Cuyahoga work together to better understand and find solutions to impacts of coming changes in Medicaid on the HIV community. These changes will have inevitable effects on Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (OBBA) includes significant funding cuts and policy changes to Medicaid which will negatively impact patient access to care and life-saving medications.

- ◆ By 2030, 95% of all people living with HIV will know their status
- ◆ By 2030, 95% of all people diagnosed with HIV will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy
- ◆ By 2030, 95% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression

Changes to Medicaid could cause millions across the country to lose coverage, disrupt continuity of care, and destabilize safety-net providers such as the Ryan White Program, ADAP and community clinics. The [AIDS Drug Assistance Program \(ADAP\)](#), is a federal and state-funded program providing free or low-cost HIV/AIDS medications, insurance premiums, and co-pays to low-income individuals with limited or no health coverage. Anticipated changes include termination of Ohio Medicaid expansion and addition of work requirements to Medicaid eligibility. These elements will create enormous gaps in services, which will cause many with HIV/AIDS to lose access to care and medication. This will result in catastrophic downturns in their health and well-being. Gaps in services including access to PEP and PrEP will cause an increase in new infections, putting HIV elimination out of reach.

In Cuyahoga County:

5,000+ people are living with HIV/AIDS

1,500+ people living with HIV/AIDS rely on Medicaid for care and medications

4,655+ people rely on the Ryan White Programs Part A and Part B

1,086+ people rely on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

Fast Track Cleveland Cuyahoga are people living with HIV/AIDS, community activists, HIV/AIDS service professionals, public health officials, physicians, pharmacists and other medical providers.

Fast Track Cleveland Cuyahoga believes the HIV epidemic will end, with access to care and prevention services. This goal is within reach only if Medicaid funds remain intact.

This Community advocates keeping Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion, and ACA subsidies. We work to ensure that Ohio considers HIV/AIDS thoughtfully as the State drafts Medicaid work requirements.

Fast Track Cleveland Cuyahoga works collaboratively with government entities, local philanthropy, and the community to ensure that there is no threat to anyone's life due to loss of care, treatment, and life-saving medicines.

Resources:

- [State of Ohio website on Medicaid Group VIII work requirement](#)
- [AIDS Funding Collaborative](#)
- [Cuyahoga County Ryan White Program](#)
- [IAPAC Fast-Track Cities](#)
- [Ohio ADAP Directory](#)