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**Save the Date– Monday, March 19th**

**Dine Out at Hopworks and support Partnership Project and the HIV Day Center**



Again, this year Hopworks is hosting a pre-Dining Out Kick off event. Make your reservation now **503-232-4677** and remember to **say you are there to support Dining Out** and 20% of your bill will be donated to these two organizations that provide critical services to PLWHA. Thank you Hopworks!!

<https://www.facebook.com/DiningOutForLifePortland>

The Denver Region of the Social Security Administration will be hosting a webcast, “**Living with HIV/AIDS – Social Security Can Help**” on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. MST. The webcast will be accessible directly from the Social Security website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/denver](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/denver).

In this webcast, we will explain important elements of our benefits and services of particular interest to case managers and those who assist people living with HIV/AIDS. Topics will include:

- Synopsis of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and Denver Region initiatives
- Social Security programs for individuals with disabilities
- Electronic services and how to apply for benefits
- Medicare, Medicaid and Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP)
- Regional resources

We encourage you to share the webcast information with your members, colleagues, and other interested parties. For more information on Social Security’s initiatives and programs, please visit our website at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

**Next Meeting**

**February 14th**

**9:00-11:30 a.m.**

**NOTE  
DIFFERENT  
LOCATION:**

MULTNOMAH  
BUILDING-RM315  
501 SE  
HAWTHORNE BLVD

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TO PATIENTS**

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## ASK Devon

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### **January 2012 Update: Antiretroviral Copayment Assistance Programs**

The following is a list of manufacturer-sponsored copayment assistance programs. Although **these should not be part of a long-term prescription payment plan**, they can be helpful for the short term. In general, all of the manufacturers have extended their copay assistance programs. **Changes are highlighted in the table on the following page.**

#### **Caveats/Tips:**

1. **“Copay cards” cannot be used for clients who are eligible for and/or receive any state or federally funded health or prescription benefits.** This includes clients on Medicare or Medicaid insurance plans as well as clients who are eligible for CARE-Assist. In addition, **most copay cards DO NOT cover clients who don’t have insurance coverage at all.**
2. **For clients without insurance or whose prescription insurance has a coverage limit, a great resource is the website: [www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org).** This website contains Patient Assistance Program information for each of the antiretrovirals (as well as many other prescription medications).
3. **Some of the cards require the client (or a representative) to call to activate the card** before it can be used at the pharmacy. Clients can opt-out of offers to have additional educational and support materials sent to their home.
4. **PEDIATRICS** – only clients older than 18 are generally eligible for the copay cards.
5. **NOTE: New Generic products for Viramune (nevirapine) and Combivir (lamivudine/zidovudine) are now available at pharmacies.** These may offer cost savings for some clients.

| Antiretroviral(s)<br>Covered   | Coverage Amount and Procedure   | Pharmaceutical Company &<br>Contact Information   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Atripla®</b><br><b>Complera®</b><br><b>Truvada®</b><br><b>Viread®</b><br><b>Emtriva®</b>  | <p>Covers up to \$200 of the copay amount for up to 12 months. Client (or representative) <b>must call to activate the card</b> before it can be used.</p> <p>Program has changed to include Complera® and Atripla® together with Gilead's other products (Truvada®, Viread®, and Emtriva®).</p>  | <p>Gilead<br/> 1 – 877 – 505 – 6986 (to activate card and/or to answer questions)<br/> *many cards from 2011 will no longer work – client must RE-ENROLL in this NEW PROGRAM. The pharmacy will need the new RxGrp number on the card as well.</p>  |
| <b>Reyataz®</b><br><b>Sustiva®</b>   | <p>Covers up to \$200 of the copay amount for up to 12 months.</p>  | <p>Bristol-Myers Squibb<br/> 1 – 888 – 281 - 8981</p>   |
| <b>Isentress®</b>  | <p>Covers up to \$400 of the copay amount for up to 12 months.</p>  | <p>Merck<br/> 1-866-350-9232<br/> go to: <a href="http://www.isentress.com">www.isentress.com</a> – to print copay card</p>   |
| <b>Kaletra®</b><br><b>Norvir®</b>  | <p><b>Norvir®</b> Copay program covers up to \$50 off the copay amount.<br/> <b>Kaletra®</b> Covers up to \$50 per copay amount for Kaletra <b>AND each of the other antiretroviral in the regimen</b> up to a max total benefit of \$150.</p>  | <p>Abbott<br/> <b>Norvir®</b> - may call 1 – 800 – 441 – 4987, option 5 for questions or to have a card mailed to a client. The 2012 program is delayed until March 2012. Cards used in 2011 will still be active through 2012 until 12 refills have been used.<br/> <b>Kaletra®</b> - copay cards can be printed from <a href="http://www.kaletra.com">www.kaletra.com</a> Positive Partnership Program 1 – 888 – 458 – 6442 (new program expected in May 2012).</p> |
| <b>Prezista®</b><br><b>Intence®</b>  | <p>Covers up to \$100 of the copay amount OVER \$5 (i.e. client will pay at least \$5) for up to 12 months. Renewal available every 12 months. Client (or representative) <b>must call to activate the card</b> before it can be used. The actual card will be mailed to the client, but can be used before it's actually received (get the numbers at the end of the activation call).</p> | <p>Tibotec Therapeutics<br/> 1 – 866 – 961 – 7169 (<b>to activate card – have number in household and approximate income information available when calling</b>)<br/> <a href="http://tibotec-therapeutics.com">tibotec-therapeutics.com</a> (for additional information and form)</p>  |
| <b>Epzicom®</b><br><b>Trizivir®</b><br><b>Combivir®</b><br><b>Ziagen®</b><br><b>Epivir®</b><br><b>Lexiva®</b><br><b>Retrovir®</b><br><b>Selzentry®</b><br><b>Viracept®</b><br><b>Rescriptor®</b> | <p>Covers up to \$100 of each copay amount for up to 24 months. *May be active for clients without insurance coverage.</p>  | <p>ViiV Healthcare (GSK &amp; Pfizer)<br/> 1 – 877 – 844 – 8872<br/> <a href="http://www.mysupportcard.com">www.mysupportcard.com</a> (additional copay cards can be printed from this website)</p>   |
| <b>Viramune®</b><br><b>Viramune XR®</b>  | <p>Covers the entire copay for the FIRST fill of Viramune XR®, then up to \$100 off the copay amount for up to 12 months. Client (or representative) <b>must call to activate the card</b> before it can be used. *Should also cover regular Viramune®.</p>   | <p>Boehringer Ingelheim<br/> 1 – 877 – 357 – 2515 (for card activation)<br/> <a href="http://www.viramunexr.com">www.viramunexr.com</a> (under the “patient” information tab)</p>   |

## A VALENTINE TIP FROM SOCIAL SECURITY

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**Social Security Public Affairs**

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, making this a popular time of year for proclamations of love. Such displays of affection can be as simple and sweet as a heart with a "be mine" message, or as life altering as a vow before the altar.

If you happen to be a newlywed who is head over heels in love, you may not be focused on things such as taxes or Social Security, but you should be. If you plan to exchange your maiden name for a married name — including hyphenated names such as Smith-Jones — be sure you let us know.

Telling us about your name change shortly after your marriage will help us accurately keep track of your earnings and will ensure that you and your family get the Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors coverage you're entitled to. Also, if the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security records do not show the same name and Social Security number, your Federal income tax refund could be delayed.

If you continue to use your maiden name consistently throughout your working years, you do not need to contact us. However, if you decide to change your name at a later time, you should let us know so that we can update your Social Security record and send you a Social Security card with your new name.

There's no need to pay someone else to mail in the information for you. Changing your name with Social Security is a quick, easy, and free service. Just go online to [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber), learn what documents you need, and click on "Fill Out and Print an application (Form SS-5)." You also can call us at 1-800-772-1213 to obtain the form. We will need the completed application along with a marriage certificate or divorce decree verifying your old and new names. If you were born outside the United States, you also need proof of your U.S. citizenship or proof that you are lawfully living in the U.S. You can bring or mail these documents to us.

And if you like us (we hope you do) please click on the Facebook icon at our homepage and "like" us on Facebook. Also, you can follow us on Twitter too. Look for our Facebook and Twitter icons at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). We share information daily that can help you and all your Valentines. Happy Valentine's Day from Social Security!

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