



HIV/AIDS Care Services

It is important for anyone who tests positive for HIV to see a doctor as soon as they learn of their positive HIV status. Health care, medication and support services, are available to help people living with HIV in Maryland live longer, healthier lives. Researchers have developed drugs to fight HIV infection that, while not a cure, have greatly improved the health of many people living with HIV and AIDS by reducing the amount of virus circulating in the blood to nearly undetectable levels. Treatment is available even if a person living with HIV does not have health insurance or is not able to pay for services.

Case Management

Case Management is a service that helps persons living with HIV obtain medical care and support services. A nurse and/or social worker provides an ongoing assessment of the client's needs, access to a continuity of care, and personal support systems to ensure the client remains in care.

The Allegany County Health Department offers HIV **case management services** to those who are eligible. Clients are also linked to **HIV specialty care** through Johns Hopkins University AIDS Service (JHUAS). Since 1997, the Allegany County Health Department has had a partnership with Johns Hopkins to provide specialty health care to people living with HIV in Allegany and Garrett Counties. A Johns Hopkins provider is at the Allegany County Health Department 2 days a month to deliver HIV specialty care to clients.

For more information call 301-759-5085