





## Example policy 8

# Linkage to differentiated HIV treatment services

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People using PrEP are eligible for PrEP due to a substantial risk of HIV acquisition. Regular and frequent HIV testing helps ensure timely identification and/or diagnosis of HIV and supports the transition to HIV treatment services. Linkage support is critical for ensuring effective transition and rapid initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART).

Recommended linkage support:

Transition <b>OUT OF</b> differentiated PrEP service delivery model		
	From PrEP model	To ART model
	Any differentiated PrEP service delivery model	Facility-based clinician-managed ART care
Linkage (transitioning) building blocks		
 <b>WHEN</b> (timing of linkage package delivery)	<p>Offer linkage package (see WHAT) immediately after HIV testing or when person reports HIV-positive result from HIV self-test, which is confirmed by country HIV testing algorithm</p> <p>Provide a follow-up telephone call within 7 days after missed scheduled ART initiation appointment</p> <p>Provide a follow-up home visit within 14 days if no response to telephone call</p>	
 <b>WHERE</b> (location of linkage package delivery)	Same location where confirmatory testing provided either at facility or in community	
 <b>WHO</b> (linkage package service providers)	<p><u>Linkage package offer</u>: same provider that provided HIV testing</p> <p><u>Telephone follow-up</u>: same provider that provided HIV testing</p> <p><u>Home visit follow-up</u>: designed provider for home tracking and tracing</p>	
 <b>WHAT</b> (linkage service package)	<p>Concise post-test counselling focused on linkage to treatment including disclosure support</p> <p>If testing at facility</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>offer same-day ART initiation at same facility</li> <li>if same day offer declined, schedule appointment within 7 days</li> </ol> <p>If testing in community, schedule appointment within 7 days at preferred ART facility or link to community ART initiation service</p> <p>Peer navigation to ART initiation service</p> <p>Offer HIV partner services (index testing and/or social network testing)</p>	

This policy example is linked to the publication, "IAS - the International AIDS Society. *Key considerations in developing policy guidance for differentiated PrEP service delivery: Country policy development brief*. July 2022." available at <https://www.differentiatedservicedelivery.org/Resources/Resource-Library/DSD-PrEP-policy-2022>

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