

Texas HIV Medication Program Major Updates

Welcome!

THMP Major Updates

- THMP New Medication System- Texas ADAP Medication Interface (TAMI)
- Changes in program staffing
- Emergency response Changes
- THMP Growth
- Emergency Medication
- Emergency Application
- Phasing out COVID-19 Response
- Eligibility Extension

Texas ADAP Medication Interface (TAMI)

- Launched on 9/21/2020.
- Eliminates issues from the legacy system.
- Allows improved HRSA compliance.
- Temporary system until HRAR implementation



Changes in Staffing

THMP Management

- **Laura Potter**-Manager with the Health Communication and Community Engagement Group (HCCEG) with the section.
- **Christine Salinas**, THMP team lead, is the acting Regional Manger



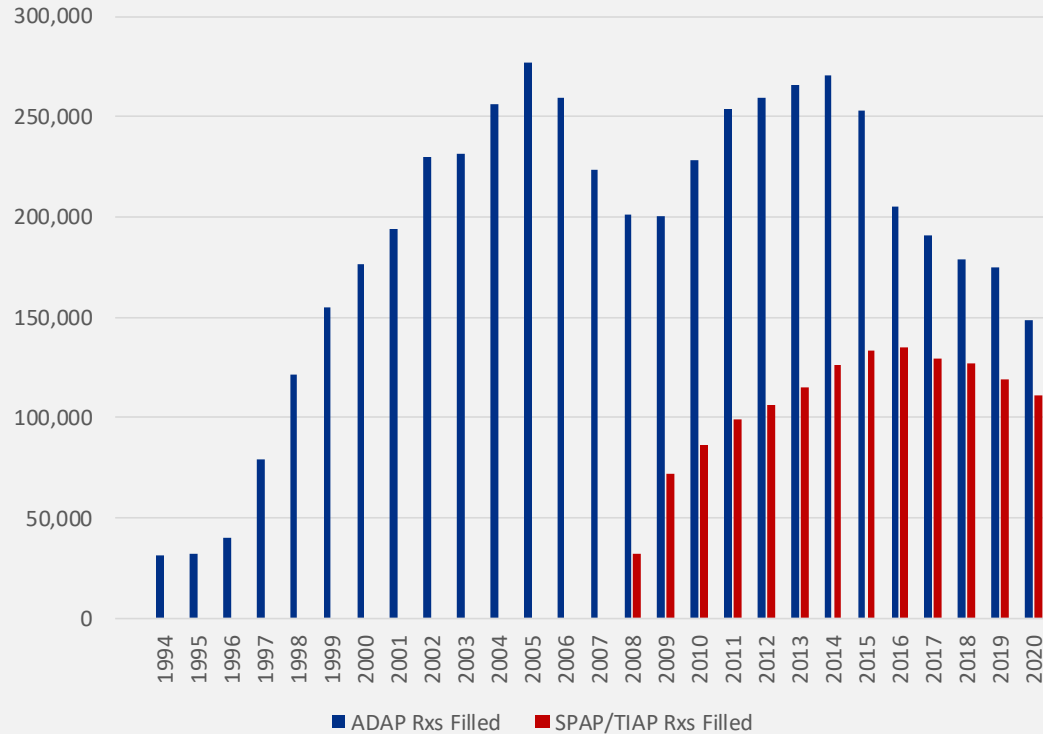
Emergency Response Changes

- Performance Measure reviews placed on hold
- Currently being reworked
- No secondary review required for agency applications
- THMP staff are not currently travelling
- Live trainings and TA placed on hold
- Online trainings planned for the end of the year

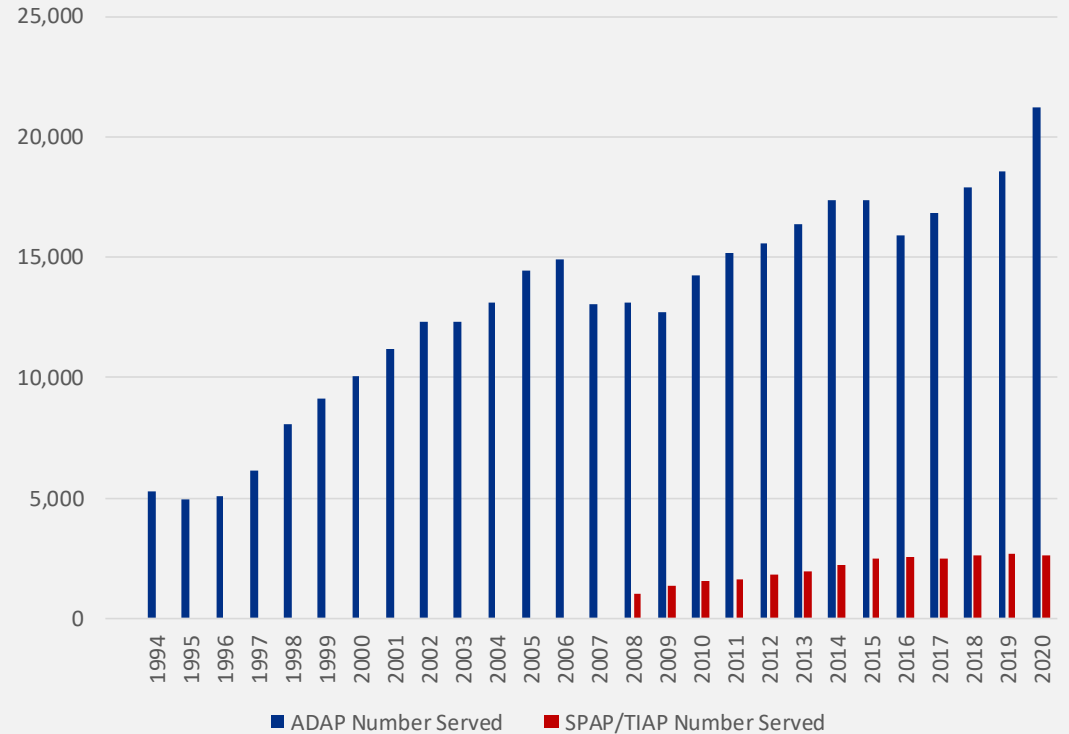


FY1994-FY2020 THMP Growth

Growth in Prescriptions Filled



Growth in Number Served



Program Growth - ADAP Original and Current Approvals, March-August 2019 and March-August 2020

Approval Type	March to August 2019	March to August 2020	Growth	% Change
Original Approval	1,972	2,789	817	41%
Employed	774 (39%)	992 (36%)	218	28%
Not Employed	1,198 (61%)	1,797 (64%)	599	50%
Current Approval	11,232	14,908	3,676	33%
Employed	5,863 (52%)	6,845 (46%)	982	17%
Not employed	5,369 (48%)	8,063 (54%)	2624	50%

THMP COVID-19 Response Medications

- Medication delivery or drive-thru
- 90-day fills encouraged for approved medications

Ended 10/12/2020

- 60 day fills
- Fills requested 20 days before bottle runs out



THMP Emergency Application

- The Emergency Application started **March 13, 2020**:
 - 2-pages and for all applications types
 - Supporting documents are requested but not required
 - No signature required
- Clients who do not recertify or complete the self-attestation will have their eligibility automatically extended to 12/31/2020
- Emergency application and guidance applies to both Ryan White Part B Care Services and THMP (except automatic extensions)

Phasing Out COVID-19 Response

- October
 - 30 day fills and refilling bottle 10 days before last pill reinstated
- November
 - Returned mail medication holds reinstated
 - Secondary reviews for denials reinstated
- Future
 - Phase 1
 - Phasing out eligibility extensions
 - Phase 2
 - Phasing out emergency application



Why is THMP placing medication holds for returned mail?

- ✓ THMP Mail does not get forwarded
- ✓ Communicate by mail – need to be sure we have an accurate address

Support needed:

- ✓ Encourage agencies to check with clients to make sure that address is correct, do not use address on file.
- ✓ Call THMP with new address if eligibility is up to date
- ✓ If eligibility is not up to date, submit application with new address through ARIES.



Extended Eligibility Phase Out

- Mailout for all participants with extended eligibility
- Lists will be sent to all Administrative Agencies through Globalscape
- Lists will be distributed to agencies for outreach to clients
- Agencies should outreach to participants
- Medications will be placed on hold for those who do not meet the due date
- Emergency application will be phased out after eligibility extension.



Recent Program Improvements

2016

- An HCV treatment pilot was implemented and expanded in 2017. This has served over 300 persons to date.
- Email groups were implemented to improve communication

2017

- 12-month recertifications and the new application backlog was resolved
- Eligibility timeline was changed to birthdate recertification.
- 9 new FTEs were approved

2018

- SPAP was approved to make premium payments
- 6-month self-attestations were brought up to date

2019

- Medication orders were received electronically
- A rules change allowed 90 day fills
- A medication exception policy was written and approved.
- Continued updates to procedure manual, training materials, and written guidance.
- New medications for the treatment of Hepatitis B and common health conditions were added to the ADAP formulary.
- The program database received a code lift.
- Updated program application

Questions

