Rising Caseloads, Lack of Funding Concern HIV Providers

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Concerns over the rising amount of HIV cases and the decreasing amount of funding and reimbursement for HIV services were the two key findings from the second annual HealthHIV State of HIV Primary Care survey, according to a HealthHIV statement. The survey found that a low percentage for reimbursement for HIV services is a major obstacle between HIV service providers and individuals needing care, with more than a third of providers citing it as a barrier to expanding their practices. Other survey findings include: Nearly half of all primary care providers do not offer routine HIV testing to patients; barriers to care like stigma, limited English proficiency, and immigration and citizenship concerns still exist; and a majority of providers believe the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. health care reform, will bring about positive changes like insuring more patients and increasing patient access to care.

To read the HealthHIV statement, click here.

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