



STI/HIV and Viral Hepatitis Branch

Condom Distribution Policy

A person(s) and/or agency shall comply with the policies and procedures described in this document to receive condoms from our Branch for distribution.

Requirements

- For CHAPP-funded projects, Categories A, C and D apply.
 - For Federally-funded projects, Categories A, B and C apply. 80 percent of condom distribution efforts shall adhere to Category B guidelines, and 20 percent of condom distribution shall adhere to Category C.
 - A person(s) and/or agency may distribute condoms for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and/or unintended pregnancy.
 - A person(s) and/or agency shall submit an application and plan for condom distribution and shall comply with the policies and procedures for each of the following applicable distribution categories:
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Category A: Condom Distribution Involving Minors

For youth that are not sexually active, our Branch emphasizes abstinence as the only 100 percent effective method in preventing the negative consequences of sex.

Our Branch will not distribute condoms to elementary or middle schools.

Our Branch may distribute condoms to an agency (other than elementary or middle schools) that serves sexually active youth if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- The agency serves emancipated youth.
- The agency serves youth diagnosed with or exposed to gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and/or HIV.
- The agency serves youth that are able to legally give informed consent within the context of the services being provided (reproductive health services, HIV



testing, mental health services or other health services) as defined by statute or regulation.

- The agency serves homeless or street youth.

Our Branch may provide condoms to youth diagnosed with or exposed to gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and/or HIV.

Category B: Condom Distribution Prevention for Positives

Distribution will focus on HIV positive individuals and their current or potential partners. Condoms will be distributed at sites and events specifically related to these populations.

Examples:

- Programs serving people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).
- PLWHA in case management and/or medical case management.
- Support groups for PLWHA.
- Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS.
- Dentists serving PLWHA.
- Professional therapists serving PLWHA.

The distribution of Category B condoms through venues, offices, outreach or events that do not focus on these populations (i.e. condom bowls in the lobby of non-specific community organizations) is not permitted.

Category C: Condom Distribution for Others at High Risk

Distribution will focus on HIV negative individuals or those with an unknown HIV status at highest risk of infection. Condoms will be distributed at sites and events specifically related to these populations.

Examples of locations:

- Adult bookstores
- Bathhouses
- Homeless shelters
- Bars/Clubs

Examples of target populations:

Men who have sex with men (MSM)
Injection Drug Using (IDU) and MSM
African American
Latino/Hispanic



Such targeted areas of high disease prevalence shall include, but are not limited to, the following counties:

- Adams
- Arapahoe
- Denver
- Douglas
- Jefferson

General condom distribution through non-specific venues, offices not specifically targeting these populations (i.e. condom bowls in the lobby of non-specific community organizations), and non-specific outreach shall not be included.

Category D: Condom Distribution General, Non-Targeted

General condom distribution through non-specific venues, offices not specifically targeting populations and non-specific outreach shall be permitted.

The provision of condom distribution may include, but is not limited to:

- Condom bowls
- Community event distribution (e.g., Pridefest, Health Fair)

