

Senate Bill 159 Implementation

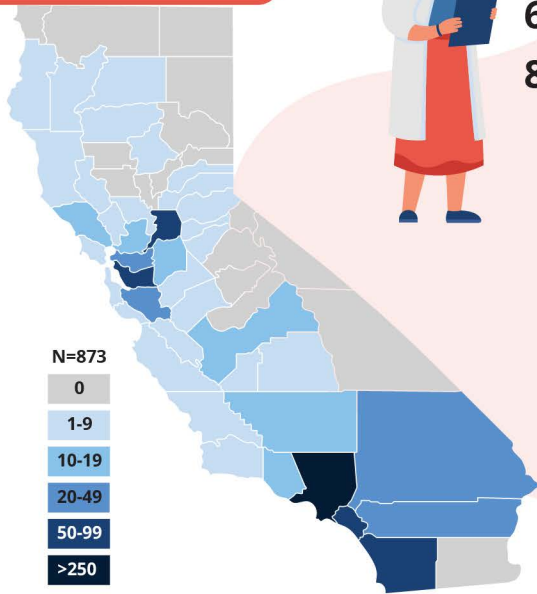
California Pharmacists' Perspectives on Opportunities and Challenges

Senate Bill 159 (SB 159), passed in 2019, allows California pharmacists to prescribe PEP and 60 days of PrEP for HIV prevention without an outside provider's prescription.

In 2022, we conducted an online survey among **919** California pharmacists and pharmacy students to understand their perspectives on the provision of HIV prevention services in pharmacies.

Respondents

LOCATIONS OF PHARMACIES WHERE RESPONDENTS WORKED



THE PHARMACISTS

39 YEARS (MEAN AGE)

64% CISGENDER WOMEN

84% CURRENTLY PRACTICING LICENSED PHARMACISTS



TYPES OF PHARMACIES

Community pharmacies **43%**

Hospitals **28%**

Clinics **16%**



Key Findings

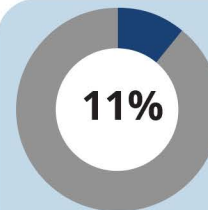


92% of pharmacists had heard of PrEP & PEP

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Only **72%** had heard of SB 159



Only **11%** of pharmacists reported that their pharmacy **implements** PrEP as authorized by SB 159

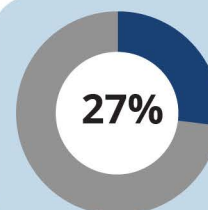


96% feel PrEP & PEP provision is important

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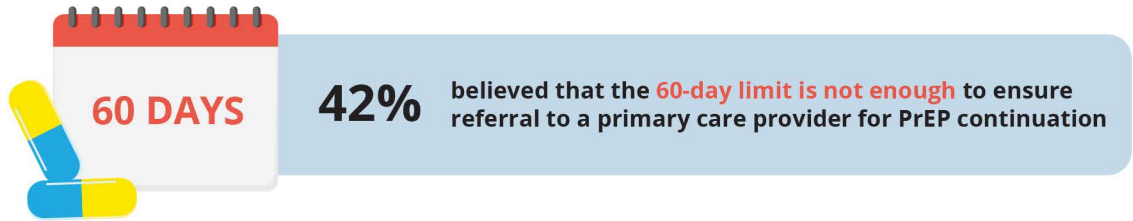
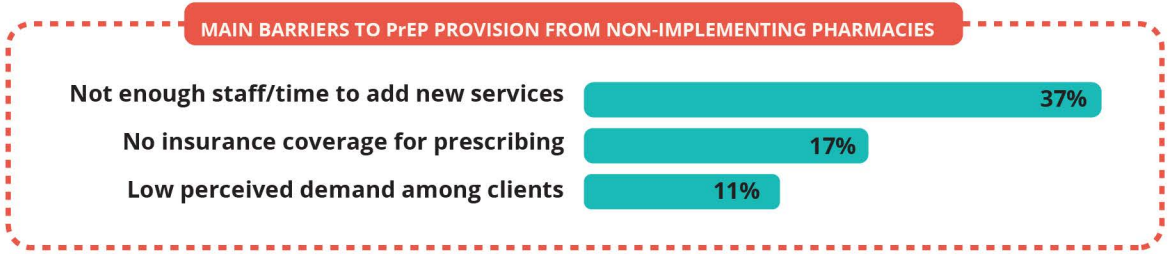
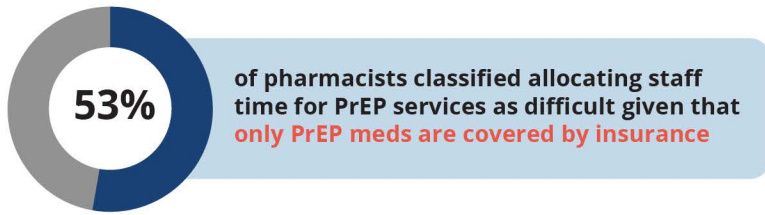


Only **41%** report being confident in their ability to **prescribe** PrEP

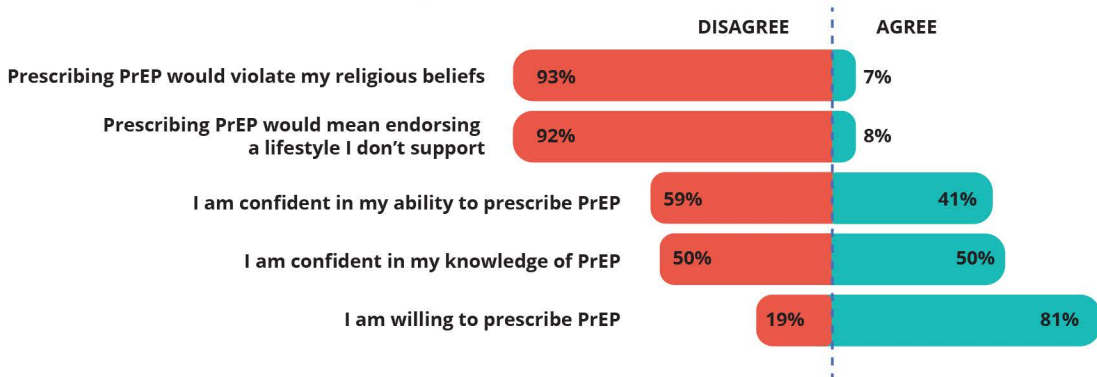


Only **27%** of pharmacists received **training** on PrEP & PEP

Key Barriers to Implementing SB 159



PrEP/PEP Prescribing Attitudes



Policy Recommendations

- Ensure payment for pharmacist-delivered services**
- Evaluate & reconsider the 60-day limit imposed by law**
- Advertise training programs for pharmacists seeking to implement SB 159**
- Develop resources pharmacists can utilize to refer patients to follow-up care as needed**