



## HIV and HCV Linkage to Care Indicators

Indicator 19: Number of HIV and HCV positive clients that receive support from CBOs to link to care (i.e. case management)	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of HIV and HCV positive clients that have received education/support from CBOs about linking to care. This indicator would only be applicable to those that are positive and have not been linked to care, or have been lost to care.</li> </ul>
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardner et al. (2005) compared the effectiveness of interventions to link recently diagnosed HIV-infected persons to care. Participants were randomized into: (i) standard of care (passive referral and brochure); or (ii) case management (building a relationship, identifying and addressing clients needs and barriers to health care, encouraging contact with a clinic, and accompanying the client to the clinic). In comparison to standard care, the case manager intervention was associated with a significantly higher rate of successful linkage to HIV care.</li> </ul>
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBO administrative data</li> </ul>
Possible disaggregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type of support provided to client (e.g. information about treatment, accompanying client to clinic, etc.)</li> </ul>
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBO tracking issues</li> </ul>

## References

- Gardner, L.I., & Metsch, L.R., Anderson-Mahoney, P., Loughlin, A.M., Rio, C., Strathdee, S., ... The Antiretroviral Treatment and Access Study (ARTAS) Study Group. (2005). Efficacy of a brief case management intervention to link recently diagnosed HIV-infected persons to care. *AIDS*, 19: 423-431.

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