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Planned Parenthood of Northern New England proudly serves over 14,000 Vermonters annually across six health centers—in Burlington, Williston, Barre, White River Junction, Rutland, and Brattleboro—as well as statewide through our telehealth program. Every day, people turn to us for compassionate, high-quality, and affordable reproductive and sexual health care, including wellness exams, birth control, STI testing and treatment, cancer screenings, abortion care, gender-affirming care, and essential primary care services. No one is turned away based on their ability to pay. In fact, 56% of our patients have low incomes. 33% of our patients use governmental insurance (i.e. Medicaid) and last year alone, we provided \$1.24 million in free and discounted care to Vermont communities.

PrEP and PEP

We strongly support increased access to PrEP and PEP through the use of pharmacist prescribing and reducing pre-authorization barriers. Preventing HIV infections is a cost-effective and community centered public health strategy. When Vermonters have access to preventative services, it costs less and increases overall health of our communities.

We believe in reducing barriers to preventative services and see no risk in making these medications more readily available. At PPNNE and PPVTAF, we believe we should be doing anything we can collectively do to support preventative measures to increase health outcomes for our community members.