Referral and Linkage to HIV Medical Care and Supportive Services
Data Collection and Reporting

Operational definitions

1. **Linkage to medical care** - process of assisting HIV-diagnosed clients into medical care with an HIV primary care provider (authorized to prescribe HAART medications) following the receipt of a HIV diagnosis. Linkage to medical care requires follow-up and documentation.

2. **Linkage to supportive services** – process of assisting HIV-diagnosed clients in accessing critical needs for supportive and ancillary medical services that may impede (are barriers) to HIV primary medical care. Linkage to supportive services requires follow-up and documentation.

3. **Referral** – process of providing information but not assistance in accessing the service; does not require follow-up for the purpose of determining the outcome of the referral (passive)

4. **Newly diagnosed** – Diagnosed within the previous 12 months.

5. **Previously diagnosed** – Previous HIV diagnoses, NOT within the past 12months

    a. **Newly engaged** – Previously diagnosed, but never having entered into medical care

    b. **Lost to care** – Previously diagnosed, without a visit for routine HIV medical care in the preceding 12 months.

6. **Lost-to-follow-up** (designates linkage attempts) - three (3) unsuccessful attempts to contact the client within a 30-day period, no more than 90-day period.

Type of form	Retained on-site (as a part of electronic client's file)		Retained on-site (as a part of electronic Linkage Coordinator's file)		Submitted to Contract Monitor (DPH Linkage Team)		Submitted to Contract Monitor (Prevention Team)	
	ARTAS	non-ARTAS	ARTAS	non-ARTAS	ARTAS	non-ARTAS	ARTAS	non-ARTAS
Instructions	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Confidentiality Agreement	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – by DPH Linkage Team	
Informed consent	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Intake screening	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Encounter form	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Linkage form	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Monthly Data report	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

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ARTAS Flow Chart