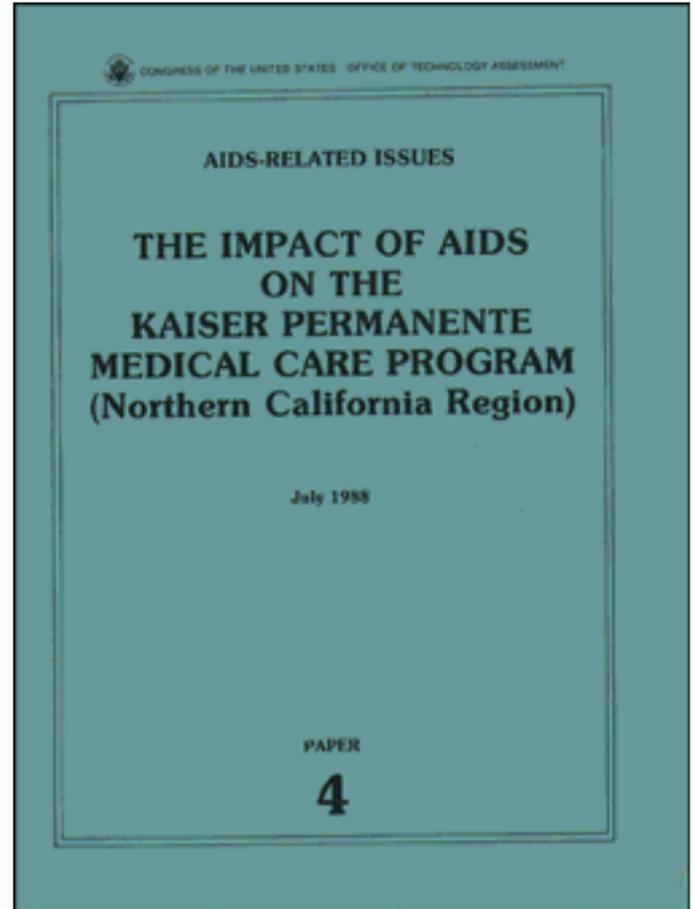


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## PREFACE

The impact of AIDS on the Nation's health and health care resources continues unabated. Congress has responded to the AIDS crisis with large increases in Federal funds for basic and applied research and education, and has begun to grapple with the difficult issues involved in financing AIDS-related health care. AIDS is also appearing on the agenda of an increasing number of congressional committees and raises numerous important issues that will require further congressional attention and decisions. These developments led to a recommendation by OTA's Technology Assessment Board, with encouragement from the Legislative Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, that OTA provide "assistance on AIDS-related issues to the Congress on a sustained basis.

The topic of this fourth paper in OTA'S series of AIDS-related issues is the impact of the AIDS epidemic on the Kaiser Permanence Medical Care Program's (KPMCP) northern California region and was originally commissioned for OTA's assessment of *Medical Testing and Health Insurance*. Key OTA staff involved in the oversight of the project were Jill Eden, Larry Miike, and Laurie Mount.

The KPMCP is a private, nonprofit, health care program that provides prepaid medical and hospital services to more than 5 million people in 16 States and the District of Columbia. Its northern California region serves 25 percent of the area's population and is second only to the county health system as a provider of care to AIDS patients in San Francisco. This paper reviews KPMCP'S northern California region's AIDS cases between 1981 and June 1987 and presents a cost analysis of a sample of these patients.

The preceding Staff Papers in this series were: *Do Insects Transmit AIDS?* (September 1987), *AIDS and Health Insurance - An OTA Survey* (February 1988), and *How Effective is AIDS Education?* (June 1988). (See inside back cover for information on how to order these publications.) Previous OTA reports addressing AIDS-related issues include: 1) *Blood Policy and Technology* (January 1985), 2) *Review of the Public Health Service's Response to AIDS* (Technical Memorandum, February 1985), and 3) *The Costs of AIDS and Other HIV Infections: Review of the Estimates* (Staff Paper, May 1987).

  
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