



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!!

Urge your US Senators and US Representative to

- (1) Increase appropriations for Part D of the Ryan White Care Act, (2) Support Federal Funding for ADAP, and (3) Support federal legislation and programs that are critical to the HIV/AIDS community**

Ryan White Part D Appropriations:

1. ***Each year, the number of children, youth, and women seeking HIV/AIDS services from Part D projects increases*** – Most Part D programs are the entry point into medical care for HIV-positive children, youth, and pregnant women. Medicaid does not reimburse Part D projects for many of the costs of coordinated HIV services that help this group access medical care and adhere to treatment regimens.
2. ***At less than \$1400/person, Part D is extremely cost effective*** at preventing mother-to-child transmission, keeping HIV-positive women and young people healthy, and bringing hard-to-reach youth into care.
3. ***Ryan White Part D programs have had level funding for many years.*** Combining this effect with rising patient numbers, we are requesting that FY 2012 Part D funding reflect the FY 2012 reauthorization amount of \$83.1 million, an increase in funding of \$5.8 million.

Funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP):

1. ***The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides access*** to antiretroviral (ARV) drugs for uninsured and underinsured individuals living with HIV/AIDS.
2. ***As of early 2011, there are almost 7000 people on waiting lists in 11 states*** – federal funding for the program is not keeping pace with demand. Over the course of 2010, ADAP waiting lists increased 867%.
3. ***ADAP is cost effective*** – People not receiving medication will develop serious medical conditions that will cost more to treat and put a greater strain on our health care system.
4. ***Additional funding is needed.*** ADAP received an increase of approximately \$23 million in FY 2011. However, this increase is not enough to keep people off of waiting lists. \$410 million in additional funding is needed in FY 2012. However, due to ongoing federal fiscal concerns, the HIV/AIDS community is asking for an increase of \$106 million for ADAP in FY 2012.

Support for federal legislation/programs critical to the HIV/AIDS Community:

1. ***Ensure that healthcare reform provisions, such as the Prevention and Public Health Fund, are fully implemented and funded*** – Federal healthcare reform presents an unprecedented opportunity to increase access to affordable care and truly address the nation's ongoing HIV/AIDS crisis. It is greatly reducing preventable, high-cost medical interventions and helping to reduce new HIV infections by providing access to the HIV testing, care, and support services necessary to slow the epidemic.
2. ***Protect the Medicaid Program*** – Medicaid is the single largest source of HIV/AIDS care and treatment, providing coverage to approximately 40% of all people living with HIV/AIDS in the US. Converting the federal contribution to this program into a block grant will shift greater costs to the states and drastically hinder their ability to meet the need for HIV prevention and care services.

Make sure to tell your story – Why Ryan White Part D is important in your life!