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ADAP Advocacy Association Praises President Obama's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget's Commitment to Cash-Strapped AIDS Drug Assistance Program; Budget proposes \$102 million increase to alleviate ADAP waiting lists

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 14, 2012) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**[®], today praised President Barack Obama for his proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, and its commitment to shoring-up the cash-strapped AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) under the Ryan White CARE Act. Nationwide, as of February 9th, there were 4,111 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the United States being denied access to appropriate, timely care and treatment on ADAP waiting lists. President Obama is proposing an increase of \$102 over the current fiscal year for ADAPs.

“On behalf of the thousands of patients who rely on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, but are being turned away from their life-saving medications, we’re extremely thankful for the President’s commitment to this vital safety-net program,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “The ADAP Advocacy Association has been calling on the federal government to renew its commitment to ADAP because it has a proven Return on Investment to the taxpayers, as well as providing essential access to care and treatment for those patients who otherwise would not have it. The additional \$102 million is a significant step in the right direction.”

The Budget includes an increase of \$75 million for care and treatment through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. The Budget includes \$1 billion for AIDS drug assistance programs, an increase of \$67 million above 2012 levels to expand access to life saving HIV-related medications for uninsured and underinsured people living with HIV/AIDS. Based on current projections, this increase in funding for ADAP, combined with sufficient state contributions, will eliminate ADAP waiting lists in 2013. The Budget also increases funding for the Ryan White Part C program by \$15 million to expand access to critical early intervention and primary care services for the most vulnerable populations living with HIV/AIDS. To address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on communities of color, there is an \$8 million increase in funding above 2012 for Ryan White Minority AIDS Initiative activities, totaling \$169 million in 2013.¹

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or the President’s FY2013 Budget, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

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¹ The White House, Office of Management & Budget, “*An Economy Built to Last and Security for the LGBT Community – Expand the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program*,” February 13, 2012.