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ADAP Advocacy Association Welcomes \$80 Million to Increase Access to HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment; Obama Administration finally ends ADAP waiting lists four years after they re-emerged

Cautions that thousands remain on “invisible” ADAP waiting lists

For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 20, 2012) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**[®], today welcomed the Obama Administration’s announcement that it is awarding \$80 million in grants to increase access to HIV/AIDS care across the United States. The funding will eliminate waiting lists under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, as well as expand care and treatment to 14,000 new patients. As of July 12, 2012, there remained 2,030 people living with HIV/AIDS languishing on ADAP waiting lists in nine states, but that figure does not accurately reflect the thousands of patients remaining on “invisible” ADAP waiting lists.

“After four long years of an unacceptably high number of people living with HIV/AIDS being denied access to timely, appropriate care and treatment under two presidents, our ADAP waiting list nightmare is finally over, at least on the surface” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “The ADAP Advocacy Association applauds President Obama for this bold move, but cautions that thousands of patients have been adversely affected by other cost containment measures, such as eligibility restrictions, drug formulary reductions, capped enrollment and client cost sharing, just to name a few. These patients must not be forgotten.”

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, approximately \$69 million will be sent to 25 states and territories through the Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), and based on estimates provided by the states, will eliminate any waiting lists. The more than \$10 million remaining will be distributed to Ryan White community-based health clinics nationwide to expand access to 14,000 new patients for essential medical and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. A portion of this funding was made available through the Affordable Care Act.¹

Said **Christine Campbell**, Vice President of National Advocacy and Organizing for Housing Works and an organizer of the We Can End AIDS Mobilization, “This is a key step in addressing the epidemic and actually getting to zero. It shows how the administration can find the resources for real priorities that impact people living with HIV/AIDS. I just hope that this infusion of funds is not being pulled from other important areas.”

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

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¹ U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, “Investment by Obama Administration will eliminate ADAP waiting lists,” July 19, 2012.

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Part B ADAP Emergency Relief Funds (New Competing)

Grantee	Total Award
Alabama	\$2,351,932
Alaska	\$173,614
California	\$7,000,000
Colorado	\$774,078
Florida	\$4,575,960
Georgia	\$5,432,049
Illinois	\$6,995,832
Montana	\$163,454
Nebraska	\$811,577
New Jersey	\$4,459,585
South Dakota	\$320,042
Tennessee	\$1,120,674
Washington	\$340,512
Wisconsin	\$125,000
Virgin Islands	\$983,513
TOTAL	\$35,627,822

Part B ADAP Emergency Relief Funds (Competing Continuation)

Grantee	Total Award
Alabama	\$1,054,365
Arizona	\$455,866
California	\$2,574,357
Colorado	\$285,430
Florida	\$6,979,996
Georgia	\$3,000,000
Idaho	\$467,373
Illinois	\$722,935
Iowa	\$587,831
Kentucky	\$2,090,956
Louisiana	\$3,000,000
Montana	\$273,500
New Jersey	\$736,383
North Carolina	\$3,000,000
North Dakota	\$74,324
Puerto Rico	\$2,069,536
Tennessee	\$1,021,830
Utah	\$931,936
Virginia	\$3,000,000
Washington	\$660,158
Wisconsin	\$180,263
Virgin Islands	\$169,438
TOTAL	\$33,336,477