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ADAP Advocacy Association Announces Educational Webinar

Mandated Mail-Order Pharmacy: Case Studies on Barriers to Care/Treatment

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 28, 2015) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**[®], today announced that it will host an educational webinar on November 18, 2015. The webinar – held in partnership with the [Great Lakes ADA Center](http://www.greatlakesada.org) and the [Community Access National Network](http://www.cannetwork.org) (CANN) – will review three case studies, each presenting different obstacles presented by mandated mail order pharmacy programs and how best to overcome them.

Mail-Order Pharmacy programs can serve an important resource for some people living with HIV/AIDS, including prescriptions delivered under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). Mandating such programs, as often is the case with some ADAPs and insurance carriers, can present numerous obstacles. Among some of the most common challenges faced by patients include the potential breach of privacy, lack of oversight on negative drug interactions, lost/late shipments, and loss of face-to-face consultations with pharmacists. These challenges, as well as others, have led to several states banning, or attempting to ban the use of mandated mail order pharmacies—including Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania.

“Education is power, and we contend that the power needs to be in the hands of the patient,” said Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “We’re not necessary opposed to mail order pharmacy programs, but mandating that patients use these programs can pose significant barriers to care and treatment. Our webinar is designed to provide practical resources and tools to overcome such barriers.”

The webinar is free and open to all stakeholders, but advance registration is required. To register, go to <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=pcbdbh>.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, mandated mail order pharmacy programs, or its upcoming webinar, please email info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and improve access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.