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## ADAP Advocacy Condemns Proposed Funding Cuts to HIV Programs

### *Trump Administration's Proposed 2027 Budget for the U.S. Departments of Health & Human Services and Housing & Urban Development is a Direct Threat to People Living with HIV/AIDS*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ADAP Advocacy condemns in the *strongest possible terms* the proposed [Fiscal Year 2027 Budget](#) submitted to Congress by the Trump Administration. The budget blueprint, while likely dead upon arrival, sends a clear message that the federal government is no longer committed to “give me your tired, your poor” for the nation’s healthcare system, regardless of their immigration status. Over \$15.8 billion, or approximately 12%, would be stripped from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), with HIV-related programming being hard hit.

The Housing Opportunities for People With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), which is funded under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is a critical lifeline program for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) that provides financial assistance to cover a portion of the costs of housing, utilities, and application fees, as well as providing or linking clients to case management, job training, job acquisition, and other services. In 2022, HOPWA provided assistance to roughly 64,500 individuals, including dependent family members of qualifying PLWHA.

The President’s 2027 Budget proposal would wholly eliminate HOPWA, referring to the program as, “...outdated by focusing on housing low-income, homeless, and at-risk HIV-positive individuals, as the prognosis and medical care for HIV have significantly improved since the 1990s.”

Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of ADAP Advocacy, stated: **“HOPWA has served as the cornerstone of affordable housing for people living with HIV/AIDS for decades, and proposing the elimination of the program is simply wrong. It guts programs dedicated to behavioral health, LGBTQ health, and health disparities. Research and prevention that have eradicated numerous diseases would be set back for a generation.”**

In 2024, HUD estimated that 372,177 low-income people living with HIV in the United States are eligible for, but not currently accessing services under the HOPWA program, meaning that, should the FY27 budget’s objectives come to pass, roughly half-a-million people would lose access to this vital program.

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ADAP Advocacy’s Health Policy Lead Consultant, Marcus J. Hopkins, argued: **“The belief that, because the prognosis of HIV/AIDS is no longer a near-death sentence, a program is no longer a vital tool for ensuring the survival of people living with a chronic, potentially fatal disease is one that beggars belief. The HOPWA program has *never* been adequately funded at levels that would enable all financially eligible PLWHA to utilize its services, but the wholesale elimination of this critical program would add permanent injury to the existing insult.”**

To learn more about ADAP Advocacy or the President’s 2027 Budget proposal, please email [info@adapadvocacy.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacy.org).

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***About ADAP Advocacy:*** The ADAP Advocacy mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improve access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. ADAP Advocacy works with advocates, community members, health care providers, government officials, patients, pharmaceutical companies, and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient education programs, and foster greater community collaboration.