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To: Arizona AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Providers

Re: Reduction in services

Regretfully, we have to tell you about changes in the Arizona AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Beginning **July 1, 2009**, Anti-Retroviral (ARV) and Opportunistic Infections (OI) medications will be the only prescriptions available through ADAP.

Several reasons have prompted this change. There has been a **cut in funding**, an **increase in the cost of services**, and a **continual increase in enrollment of new clients**. This trend is unsustainable given our current funding levels. By eliminating all medications except for ARV/OI medications, the program will save enough money to get clients their HIV medications.

Other cost-saving strategies are also being explored, including procuring the lowest cost pricing, drug rebates, program income generation and cost-shifting from other Ryan White programs in the state. Approximately 1,100 clients per month are served by the ADAP at a cost of \$1.1 million per month, which is continually increasing each month. The ADAP FY09 budget was originally estimated at \$11.8 million, but due to changes (already identified above) the FY09 program costs are now estimated at \$14.2 million.

The program, along with assistance from the ADAP Formulary Committee and in consultation with local and federal partners looked very closely at many alternatives and explored many options to contain costs. We understand how important the other drugs are that the clients will no longer be able to receive through ADAP. ADHS staff is working hard with our community partners to provide clients with information on alternative resources for HIV medications.

For further information, contact the AIDS Drug Assistance Program at 602-364-3610, toll free (800)344-1540 or <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/hiv/adap/htm>

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