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Subject: Important Information About Florida ADAP Changes and Your Ryan White Program Services

Dear Interested Parties,

We are writing to share important information about proposed changes to Florida's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). While these changes have not yet taken effect, we want you to know what you can do right now and how Miami-Dade County is preparing to support you.

What You Can Do Right Now

You can help protect your health and access to care by taking these steps:

- **Please do not stop taking your medications.**
- **Continue attending your medical appointments as scheduled.**
- **Check your mail** and bring any letters from ADAP to your Medical Case Manager. They can help you understand the changes.
- Be sure to pick up medications in February, ask your pharmacy if you can get up to a **90-day supply**.
- Stay in close contact with your **Medical Case Manager**, who can help explain options and next steps.
- If you do not currently have a Ryan White Medical Case Manager, you can visit www.miamidade.gov/HIVSupport to find assistance near you, or contact the Ryan White Program at 305-375-4742 for help.
- Visit the **Florida Department of Health website** for the latest information about ADAP changes: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/individual-family-health/injury-prevention-wellness/hiv-aids/hiv-aids-management/>

What Is Happening

A recent notice on the Florida Department of Health's website indicated that it plans to make major changes to ADAP eligibility and services beginning **March 1, 2026**, if those changes proceed as outlined. These changes were also communicated through letters that some clients may have received and may include:



- **Lowering the income limit to qualify for ADAP** – making clients with incomes over 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (approximately \$20,748 per year for a household of one) ineligible for ADAP services
- **Ending help with paying for health insurance premiums**
- **Changing which HIV medications are covered** – no longer covering Biktarvy® and limiting who can receive Descovy®

We understand that this information may feel sudden, confusing, or stressful. Please know that local Ryan White programs and community partners did not receive advance notice of these proposed changes. We are actively seeking clarification and raising significant concerns, while preparing to respond to potential impacts on clients and local services.

What This Means for You

If ADAP moves forward with these changes:

- Some clients may lose help paying for insurance or medications through ADAP
- Some clients may need to rely more on local **Ryan White Programs** for HIV medical care and prescription drug assistance

Please know:

- **No immediate changes are happening today.**
- Miami-Dade County is actively planning to **help minimize disruptions to care.**
- **The County, community partners, and advocates across Florida** are actively monitoring, seeking clarification and raising concerns regarding the proposed ADAP changes.
- **Some Ryan White Program services may be impacted** if ADAP changes are implemented, but our goal is to preserve access to the most essential HIV-related care, specifically medical care and access to life sustaining medications.
- If changes to some local Ryan White Program services become necessary, they would happen **gradually**, not all at once.

What Miami-Dade County Is Doing

Miami-Dade County and the Ryan White Program are:

- Working alongside community partners and advocates who are **urging the state to reconsider or modify the proposed ADAP changes**
- **Reaching out to the Florida Department of Health at the State level** and requesting clarification on how ADAP changes will be implemented

- Identifying pharmaceutical companies' **Patient Assistance Programs** to help cover the cost of medications
- Coordinating with local health programs to help support **food assistance and linkage to care services**, where available
- **Preparing a contingency plan** to help ensure clients can continue receiving HIV-related medical services if needed

What's Next

As more information becomes available, Miami-Dade County will continue to share updates through:

- Your Medical Case Manager
- Local service providers and support programs
- Miami-Dade County HIV/AIDS Support and Resources webpage:
www.miamidade.gov/HIVSupport
- Miami-Dade County Ryan White Program webpage:
www.miamidade.gov/global/management/ryan-white-program.page

We are committed to sharing clear, accurate information and to doing everything possible to support you during this time. You are not alone.

Sincerely,



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