

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
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Dr. Joseph Ladapo
Surgeon General
Florida Department of Health
4052 Bald Cypress Way
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Dear Governor DeSantis and Surgeon General Ladapo:

We urge you to reverse the Florida Department of Health's recent decision to change the State's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) by reducing eligibility from 400 to 130 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), ending support to purchase health insurance for clients, and removing the most-prescribed HIV treatment drug from the formulary. These changes would threaten the lives of tens of thousands of Floridians living with HIV and result in unnecessary increases in HIV transmission and health care costs.

Congress created the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program to help low-income individuals with HIV access life-saving treatment. Each year, over 50,000 Floridians rely on this program for care. ADAP helps patients afford drugs to keep them stable and healthy enough to participate in the economy and civil society, while reducing their ability to spread the disease to others.

Lowering the income threshold means single-person households earning over \$20,345 and four-person households earning over \$41,795 are no longer eligible, compared with previous limits of \$61,600 and \$128,600, respectively. Over half of ADAP enrollees would lose coverage with less than two months' notice to prepare for continuity of care past March 1, 2026. This is occurring alongside recent cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, which have already narrowed access to affordable insurance for low-income individuals.

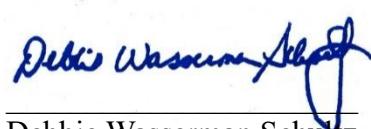
This will increase health care costs across Florida by leading to new HIV transmissions, an increase in uncompensated care, increased infections among HIV patients, and more hospital stays.

We urge you to reverse this decision and direct the Department of Health to work with stakeholders to ensure stable, continuous access to HIV treatment for Floridians who depend on ADAP.

Sincerely,



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