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To: Arizona AIDS Drug Assistance Program Clients

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) HIV 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 an increase in enrollment of new clients. Because we have so many new clients, we need to make sure we have enough money for everyone to get their HIV (ARV/OI) medications.

You can be sure that it was only after many meetings with doctors, pharmacists, and other ADAP clients that we came to this difficult decision. We decided it is the best way to make sure that clients get their HIV medications.

We understand how important the other drugs are (the ones you cannot get from ADAP anymore). ADHS staff is working hard with your community providers to offer information on other resources for you to get those medications. Additionally, your medical providers have been given information on this issue and will work with you to identify resources and coordinate your care.

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

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