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Laura Cheever, MD, MS
Associate Administrator (acting)
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Services Administration
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Dear Dr. Cheever:

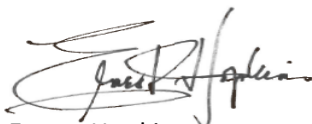
I am writing to commend the HIV/AIDS Bureau on recent efforts to provide timely information to Ryan White Part A grantees regarding anticipated reductions in formula funding for Fiscal Year 2013. My understanding is that these funding reductions are a result, in part, due to internal HAB errors in calculations used to distribute resources through the Part A hold harmless provision in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

It is also my understanding that the error resulted in certain jurisdictions receiving more funding than due in FY2010, FY2011, and FY2012, and others receiving less in those same fiscal years. Now that the error has been identified and verified, HAB intends to make a correction in FY2013 that brings all accounts into their proper balance. As you can understand, HAB's decision to correct this multi-year hold harmless error in the same fiscal year as jurisdictions attempt to mitigate damage from the 5.1 percent funding reduction mandated by sequestration, exacerbates the many challenges Part A grantees, community planners, and service providers face at the local level.

While the grantees negatively impacted by the errors have been contacted, the CAEAR Coalition would respectfully request that a complete, written explanation of the error and a chart documenting the impact on all Part A grantees be made available at your earliest convenience. We understand that the final Part A awards have not been announced and that your goal for release and distribution is still the end of June. CAEAR requests this hold harmless impact analysis be released at that time.

The CAEAR Coalition thanks you for the pro-active interests in funding transparency and collaborative spirit. We look forward to our continued close engagement.

Sincerely,



Ernest Hopkins
Chair, Board of Directors
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