



HIV/AIDS Bureau

Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Colleagues:

We recognize your concerns with the impending repeal of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and want to be certain you know that on September 30, 2009, President Obama signed a Continuing Resolution which specifically includes the extension of Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program) as it currently stands, through October 31, 2009. The Continuing Resolution requires that all provisions of the Program continue as they were in effect in Fiscal Year 2009.

Please be assured that reauthorization of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program is a high priority for the Department of Health and Human Services. The Administration supports the renewal and reauthorization of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and has consistently supported its continuation. As you are aware, the Congress is currently working on drafting and passing reauthorization legislation. The Department will continue to work with the Congress to ensure the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program continues to provide medical and support services to underinsured and uninsured individuals living with HIV/AIDS before the Continuing Resolution expires on October 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah Parham Hopson".

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