

ACTION ALERT

Florida HIV Community: Tell Your State Lawmakers to Protect ADAP

On January 8, the Florida Department of Health announced devastating cuts to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) effective March 1. The plan will cut ADAP eligibility from 400% to 130% of the federal poverty level for anyone who is uninsured, end premium support for health insurance, and remove the most-prescribed HIV medication from the formulary. These cuts will impact all 30,000+ ADAP clients in Florida. Thousands will lose ADAP altogether, and thousands more will be forced to change their medication, even if it is working. ***We need Florida state lawmakers -- especially Republicans -- to step in immediately. Tell your state legislators to protect ADAP and stop these harmful cuts. Scroll down to see how to take action.***

Why This Matters for HIV in Florida

- People with HIV who can't afford insurance will be left without access to lifesaving treatment.
- Florida continues to experience one of the highest rates of new HIV infections in the country. Cutting ADAP will lead to loss of viral suppression, worse health outcomes, and increased HIV transmission. It will also undermine President Trump's efforts to end the HIV epidemic.
- The Department of Health says the cuts are necessary because of budget concerns. But it hasn't shown the evidence, and it hasn't asked the legislature for help. ***Lawmakers should demand transparency and accountability before allowing these changes to proceed.***
- ADAP is a public/private partnership, and more than 2/3 of ADAP funding comes from drug companies. The Department of Health's plan would let the drug companies off the hook for millions of dollars of ADAP funding, shifting the cost burden to taxpayers.
- Removing the most-prescribed HIV treatment from the formulary will force treatment disruptions and undermine viral suppression.
- Florida has not released updated ADAP budget information to justify these cuts, despite stakeholder requests. ***Lawmakers should demand transparency and accountability before allowing these changes to proceed.***
- Florida continues to experience one of the highest rates of new HIV infections in the country. Cutting ADAP will lead to loss of viral suppression, worse health outcomes, and increased HIV transmission.
- Shortsighted cost cutting will lead to long-term cost increases, including hospitalizations, uncompensated care, while also draining resources from Ryan White clinics and community health centers in a downward spiral that threatens the entire system.

Bottom line: Protecting ADAP is a public health, fiscal responsibility, and ***life-saving issue for Florida.***

Why We Are Concentrating Our Outreach on Republican Lawmakers

Republicans hold the majority in the Florida House and Senate and control the state budget and oversight of the Department of Health. They are in the position to demand transparency, stop these cuts, and protect ADAP.

Many Democratic lawmakers have already expressed strong support for protecting ADAP and access to HIV care. At this moment, the most effective advocacy strategy is to focus on the lawmakers who have the authority to shape the budget, oversee the Department of Health, and prevent these cuts from moving forward.

What You Can Do (Today)

Step 1: Find your Florida State Senator and State Representative

- Look up your Florida State Senator [here](#), and your Florida State Representative [here](#).
- If they are Republican members, find their office number and email below.

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Step 2: Call their offices using the script below.

Step 3: Email the Senator and Representative using the template below (and personalize it if you can).

Then, share this alert with other Florida HIV advocates, clients, peers, and partner organizations.

Call Script for Florida HIV Advocates

Hi, my name is _____, and I live in _____, Florida, ZIP code _____.

I am a [person living with HIV / ADAP client / HIV provider at _____ / community advocate / Ryan White provider].

I am calling to urge Representative/Senator _____ to take immediate action to stop the proposed cuts to Florida’s AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

Cutting eligibility from 400% to 130% of the federal poverty level will push thousands of people off ADAP and out of HIV care. And ending support for health insurance means that people with HIV will have to rely on public clinics and hospital emergency rooms for even basic health care, raising overall healthcare costs and contributing to wait times. This shift would have to be funded by taxpayers alone to be funded by taxpayers alone, since it rejects millions of dollars in drug company funding for ADAP.

[Insert personal story of how ADAP protects your health, health of your clients, health of your community, health of your family. The goal is to put a face and name to how these cuts may have a devastating impact on Floridians]

Florida continues to have one of the highest rates of new HIV infections in the country. Cutting ADAP will make people sicker and increase HIV transmissions, undermining President Trump's mission to end the HIV epidemic.

I am asking Representative/Senator ____ to:

- Work to reverse these cuts and fully protect ADAP funding and services.
- Demand full transparency and a public accounting of the ADAP budget.

Please protect ADAP and the 30,000 Floridians who rely on it.

Thank you for your time.

You can add a personal sentence such as:

- *ADAP keeps me healthy and undetectable.*
- *Without ADAP, I would not be able to afford the medications that keep me alive*
- *I see firsthand what happens when patients lose access to medication.*
- *My clinic depends on ADAP to keep people in care and prevent new infections.*

Email Template for Florida HIV Advocates

Suggested Subject Line: Protect Floridian's Health and Stop Harmful Cuts to ADAP

Dear Representative/Senator _____,

My name is _____, and I live in _____, Florida (ZIP _____). I am a [person living with HIV / ADAP client / HIV provider / community advocate].

I am writing to urge you to intervene and stop the proposed cuts to Florida's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

The Department of Health has announced plans to cut eligibility from 400% to 130% of the federal poverty level, eliminate support for purchasing cost-effective health insurance, and remove key HIV medications from the formulary. These changes would impact all 30,000+ ADAP clients in Florida and cut as many as half of them off the program altogether. These changes will go into effect on March 1st unless the Florida Legislature acts right away. Cutting ADAP will lead to treatment interruptions, loss of viral suppression, worsening health outcomes, and increased HIV transmission. It will also increase long-term health care costs, including hospitalizations and uncompensated care, while rejecting millions of dollars in private funding from drug companies.

To make things worse, Florida has not publicly released updated budget information to justify these drastic cuts. ***Lawmakers must demand transparency and ensure that any program changes follow the required regulatory process.*** You can also provide more funding for ADAP to prevent the cuts.

[Insert personal story of how ADAP protects your health, health of your clients, health of your community, health of your family. The goal is to put a face and name to how these cuts may have a devastating impact on Floridians]

I respectfully ask you to work with your colleagues to halt these cuts, demand a full public accounting of the ADAP budget, and protect this life-saving program.

Thank you for your service to our state and for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Help Us Spread the Word

After you call and email:

- Forward this alert to ADAP clients, clinic staff, Ryan White providers, community advocates, and partner organizations.
- Share on social media why protecting ADAP matters for you and tag your state legislators.