

MEMO

Date: September 6, 2005

To: Title II Consortia Project Directors and Case Managers

From: Nancy K. Abraham
ADAP Administrator

Regarding: Guidance for Individuals Associated with Hurricane Katrina for Those Infected with HIV/AIDS and Interim Ryan White Title II Services.

TODAY, Illinois is undertaking a Hurricane Katrina relocation effort. Individuals are being relocated into five primary areas of the state: Chicago (Tinley Park, Madden area and Kane County), Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, and St. Clair-E. St. Louis area. Other areas may also have individuals who are displaced by the hurricane and are coming to Illinois to live with relatives. Local public health authorities will be screening these individuals. Attached is guidance for performing intake for individuals relocating due to Hurricane Katrina

Some individuals may be identified as HIV-infected and in need of Consortia and ADAP services. In most cases, these individuals will not have the documentation that is usually required to accompany an application for Ryan White Title II and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) services. IDPH has requested that we provide interim services for these individuals until such documentation is available. Please track the individuals and document the services provided as associated with this hurricane relief.

ADAP is prepared to do an interim approval for services. As applicants are assisted to complete the application, they must provide an Illinois mailing address where ADAP drugs can be shipped and a contact name and phone number must be provided for ongoing ADAP services. Your agency could serve as that point of contact.

To respond to the immediate need for replacement drugs for these individuals, most pharmacy chains have a policy of providing a 2-5-days supply of the prescription, if enough information is available to identify the drug and dosage. **HOWEVER**, the ADAP contracted dispensing pharmacy will be providing authorization to their CVS retail pharmacies to refill a 5-10 days emergency supply of HIV-related drugs, IF the drug and dosage can be identified to be able to dispense within pharmacy law. The ADAP staff will have information on the location of the CVS retail pharmacy. The pharmacy may need a prescription or information on where the prescription was last filled.

You may contact ADAP at 800-825-3518, 217-524-5983, fax – 217-785-8013 or 800-547-0466 (hearing impaired only).

Attachment: