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**TO:** AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES) Users, HIV Care Program (HCP) Subrecipients, Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP) Project Directors, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project Sponsors, and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A Project Directors

**SUBJECT:** Postponing HIV Care Connect (HCC) Until April 2024

The California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA) is postponing the HCC go-live date until April 2024 to accommodate the following factors, as requested by service providers:

- Start using HCC after completing the 2023 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report (RSR) report in ARIES. This will allow a smooth transition and avoid any disruption to the reporting process.
- Accommodate HCC Import functionality changes and provide the technical XML schema file before go live date. This will allow providers to setup their internal systems to meet HCC Import requirement.

Some advantages of a later go-live date include allowing more time for development and thorough testing of HCC functions, such as reports, budget/invoices, duplicate merges, and the import processes; and avoid burdening RWHAP service providers with learning a new system (HCC) while under the pressure of completing the 2023 RSR.

OA values the feedback and requests from our stakeholders. If you have any additional comments, concerns, or questions, please send them to CEMS@cdph.ca.gov. E-mails will be monitored and reviewed by OA.

Sincerely,

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