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Dear Colleagues,

Governor Brown signed the Enacted Budget on June 27, 2016. The Enacted Budget includes several changes for the Office of AIDS and the purpose of this letter is to inform all of our stakeholders about our implementation of these budgetary changes.

AIDS Drug Assistance Program

- Effective July 1, 2016, the cost-sharing requirement for individuals enrolled in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) with annual incomes between 400 percent and 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) has been eliminated. An ADAP Management Memo will be coming out soon with guidance for ADAP enrollment workers.
- The Enacted Budget includes \$8.6 million (\$8.25 million local assistance and \$350,000 state operations) in federal and rebate fund authority and 3.0 permanent positions to support the Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program with paying health insurance premiums and medical out-of-pocket costs for all ADAP clients with private insurance, including individuals with employer-based health coverage.
- The Enacted Budget also includes \$1.0 million (\$880,000 local assistance and \$120,000 state operations) in rebate fund authority and the addition of 1.0 permanent position for ADAP to provide services to HIV-negative persons at risk for acquiring HIV by covering prescribed HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medications on the ADAP formulary and related medical copays, coinsurance, and deductibles incurred by all individuals accessing PrEP in California with annual incomes below 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. ADAP expects to implement this PrEP assistance program in the spring of 2017.

HIV Prevention

- The Enacted Budget includes \$500,000 (local assistance) in one-time General Fund to certify non-medical personnel to perform rapid hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV testing in community settings. These additional trainings will increase the number of non-medical personnel who can administer the CLIA-waived HCV antibody rapid test throughout the state. CDPH Office of AIDS will work with the University of California San Francisco's Alliance Health Project to provide additional trainings in the California Project Area, including in counties which do not currently receive HIV Prevention funding from CDPH, and with Los Angeles County to incorporate HCV testing into their HIV test counselor training and provide additional trainings in Los Angeles.
- The Enacted Budget includes \$200,000 (state operations) in one-time General Fund to provide technical assistance to community-based organizations and local governments to increase the number of syringe exchange and disposal programs and the number of jurisdictions in which syringe exchange and disposal programs are authorized.
- The Enacted Budget includes \$3.5 million (\$1.8 million local assistance and \$1.7 million state operations) in federal fund expenditure authority in FY 2016-17 and the addition of 5.0 permanent positions to implement PrEP activities in four Metropolitan Statistical Areas in California: San Diego, Orange, Alameda, and Riverside Counties. (Los Angeles and San Francisco received direct funding from the CDC for this activity.) The three-year grant was awarded to CDPH in September 2015 and is entitled *Health Department Demonstration Projects to Reduce HIV Infections and Improve Engagement in HIV Medical Care among Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Persons*. The federal funding must be used for PrEP activities that will include administering the funding at the state level, developing and providing training and technical assistance for PrEP navigation and outreach services, and development and distribution of PrEP educational resources for clinical and non-clinical private providers, local health department staff and community-based staff, and resources for consumers/patients.

Thank you all for the work that you do helping Californians living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,



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