



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Dear Health Resources and Services Administration Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention HIV Prevention Colleagues:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) issued guidance for the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, including the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN), a legislative requirement for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A and B recipients in June 2015. This guidance established that health departments and planning groups funded by DHAP and HAB develop an Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. The guidance format allowed jurisdictions to submit one Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, including the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN), to CDC and HRSA by September 30, 2016, covering calendar years 2017 – 2021. Submission of the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan not only meets the legislative and programmatic requirements of CDC and HRSA, but also serves as a jurisdictional HIV Strategy or roadmap.

As HAB and DHAP notified you last summer, the updated Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan guidance and plan submission for the calendar years 2022 – 2027 was postponed due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. This delay was to provide you with an opportunity to stay focused on the work to address the COVID-19 pandemic and to consider how HIV prevention and care planning may need to evolve going forward, while you also consider what activities are necessary to move us toward ending the HIV epidemic. We continue to hear of the innovative changes in the prevention and care delivery system and in HIV planning that you have implemented as a result of the pandemic and continue to applaud you in your efforts.

We are planning to issue the updated Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan guidance in June 2021 with submission of the plans targeted for December of 2022, allowing for sufficient time to develop your plans. Our continued joint expectation is that RWHAP Part A and B recipients and DHAP funded state and local health departments continue to utilize the existing Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plans and other jurisdictional plans (e.g., Ending the HIV Epidemic Plans, Fast Track Cities), as applicable, as their jurisdictional HIV Strategy or roadmap. In acknowledgement that many of you have developed Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plans, we encourage you to incorporate your community engagement efforts for the EHE plans with your integrated planning activities to the extent that is helpful. The Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan is the umbrella plan for all your HIV-related resources and activities and the EHE plan should work in conjunction as a subset of focused resources and activities.

We appreciate the work that you are doing to support people with HIV and people at risk for HIV through your programs during this continued public health emergency.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Demetre Daskalakis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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