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### Support a \$3 Million Increase for the Illinois AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

#### Blagojevich Supports ADAP

Recognizing the vital role of the state's **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)** in the lives of low-income and uninsured people living with HIV/AIDS, Governor Rod Blagojevich has requested a **\$2 million increase in state funding for ADAP in the fiscal year 2007**. This is just \$1 million short of funding needed to ensure life extending HIV/AIDS treatments are available to all low-income Illinoisans who need them.

#### ADAP is Keeping Illinoisans Alive

ADAP provides HIV-related medications to HIV-positive Illinoisans who lack adequate prescription drug coverage or resources to afford life-extending HIV therapies. The medications provided through ADAP keep many recipients healthy enough to work and remain productive members of society. The federal Ryan White CARE Act and the State of Illinois jointly fund ADAP. Unfortunately, federal funding has not kept pace with growth of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the U.S.

#### The HIV/AIDS Crisis is Growing in Illinois

There are currently an estimated **40,000 to 42,000** individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois, and an estimated 1,600 new HIV infections occur in Illinois each year. Illinois ranks sixth in the nation for HIV/AIDS cases, and the number of people who need ADAP services continues to grow.

#### More People Need Help from Illinois ADAP

Illinois ADAP provided assistance to more than 5,600 individuals in 2005 out of about 95,000 clients served by ADAP nationally. Approximately 83% of Illinois ADAP clients are males and 17% are females. Reflecting trends in the epidemic, 64% of ADAP clients are people of color. A full 57% of ADAP clients are between the ages of 25 and 44 years of age.

In 2005, Illinois ADAP filled more than 128,000 prescriptions. Each month, ADAP provides more than 10,700 prescriptions to approximately 3,400 clients (3,075 in 2004), at a monthly cost of at least \$3.3 million.

#### ADAP Trends:

- Illinois ADAP assisted **13% more** clients in 2005 than it assisted in 2004.
- In 2005, Illinois ADAP filled on average 10,700 prescriptions each month, **a 10% increase from 2004**.
- The average cost per prescription in 2005 was \$273 for 3-10 prescriptions per client. **That is a 10% increase in average drug costs.**

***As part of a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS, the Illinois General Assembly should appropriate an additional \$3 million to ADAP in FY07.***