MEMO

TO: CDPH Title I Subgrantees
FROM: Christopher Brown, Assistant Commissioner
RE: Use of Ryan White Title I funds for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees
DATE: September 8, 2005

The American Red Cross is the central point of intake in Chicago. Please make sure all evacuees have called the Red Cross at 312-729-6100. The Red Cross can assure that people have financial and basic needs assistance, as well as providing other referrals.

Title I
Ryan White Title I funds may be used to provide interim services for evacuees living with HIV and their affected family members. However no additional funds are available at this point. In most cases, these individuals will not have the documentation that is usually required to determine eligibility. It is allowable to provide interim services for these individuals until such documentation is available. All Title I agencies will be asked to track the services provided and report them to CDPH on a regular basis.

If you have additional questions you may contact your Title I Project officer.

ADAP
Per an IDPH memo dated September 6, 2005 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.

Please contact ADAP for more information on the interim approval process or any other ADAP questions. You may contact ADAP at 800-825-3518, 217-524-5983, fax – 217-785-8013 or 800-547-0466 (hearing impaired only).

City Services
Chicago Department of Public Health HIV and other clinic services are open to displaced persons from hurricane-affected areas. A Chicago Park District building has been turned into a one-stop-shopping center where people displaced by Hurricane Katrina can get help. The brand new Fosco Park Community Center at 13th and Racine will be a central point for hurricane evacuees looking for food, clothing, medical help and shelter – possibly for months.

For more information about the services at Fosco Park and other City services for evacuees call 311.