THE AIDS INSTITUTE APPLAUDS PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR CONTINUING A STRONG COMMITMENT TO DOMESTIC HIV/AIDS

Announces Continuum of Care Initiative on 3rd Anniversary of National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Washington, DC – Today, senior leaders of the Obama Administration, including Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, at a White House ceremony commemorating the 3rd anniversary of the release of President Obama’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy, announced a new initiative to improve the HIV Care Continuum in the United States. In reaction to the announcement, The AIDS Institute issued the following statement:

We thank President Obama for issuing an Executive Order today that will mobilize and coordinate Federal efforts in response to recent advances regarding how to prevent and treat HIV infection. The Initiative will support further integration of HIV prevention and care efforts; promote expansion of successful HIV testing and service delivery models; encourage innovative approaches to addressing barriers to accessing testing and treatment; and ensure that Federal resources are appropriately focused on implementing evidence-based interventions that improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

Far too many people with HIV in the U.S. do not know they have HIV, are not linked to and retained in care, and not on antiretroviral treatment, and therefore cannot achieve viral suppression. Today’s action by the Obama Administration recognizes the importance of improving the HIV care continuum not only for the health of the individual but for society as a whole as we collectively work to end AIDS.

The AIDS Institute applauds President Obama and his Administration for their continued strong commitment to ending AIDS both at home and abroad. His Administration is the first to release and implement a National HIV/AIDS Strategy, and they have backed it up with increased resources. As the Affordable Care
Act is implemented, together with the services of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, we have a real opportunity to improve the HIV care continuum. The AIDS Institute looks forward to working with Obama Administration as it seeks to improve the HIV care continuum, and other programs to achieve the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

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