The Florida Department of Health, AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is undertaking a Specialty Pharmacy Project. This project only affects uninsured ADAP clients served by either the Florida Department of Health Central Pharmacy or the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. (Note: this project has no impact on those that are insured through ADAP’s insurance premium and/or co-pay and deductible assistance programs.)

The Specialty Pharmacy Project is a 2-year project with CVS Health Specialty Pharmacy aimed at improving client access to ADAP drugs. We also strongly anticipate clients served in this project will recognize additional benefits and services. Clients will have greater access points, see shorter turn-around times for their prescriptions, and will receive medication adherence services, which includes advice on limiting and managing side effects, dosage and administration checks, changes to a client’s treatment plan, safety tips and preparing for an emergency, etc. The term of the project is 24 months, from 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2021.

The project will work under a replenishment model, where the drugs are still purchased at 340B or sub-340B prices by Central Pharmacy. However, the drugs will not be shipped to Central Pharmacy. Rather, they will be shipped from the wholesaler to the CVS Specialty Pharmacy in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. From there, we anticipate that clients will be able to receive their medications by mail, at a CVS store, or at the county health department.

Approximately 5,500 current uninsured ADAP clients will be transitioned into the project. The clients are currently served by Central Pharmacy or the Florida Department of Health in Orange County.

All current prescriptions will be transferred to the Specialty Pharmacy in Monroeville, PA. New prescriptions issued by Providers in counties typically served by Central Pharmacy or in Orange County will be able to be electronically submit directly to the CVS Specialty Pharmacy in Monroeville, PA to be filled.

The Specialty Pharmacy Project will not affect clients served by pharmacies located at county health departments. That means that roughly 8,500 uninsured clients enrolled in ADAP in the following counties will continue to access their ADAP medications at the county health department:

- Miami-Dade (except for clients who are seen at the West Perrine Clinic and receive their pharmaceutical services through Central Pharmacy)
- Broward
- Sarasota
- Hillsborough
- Duval

ADAP will evaluate the project to assist it in the development of a competitive solicitation.
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SPECIALTY PROJECT TIMELINE

- Begin Specialty Pharmacy Project (April 1, 2019)
- Complete transfer of clients active prescriptions (June 30, 2019)
- Client's select delivery location (July-Sept 2019)
- Evaluate timeliness of new and refill prescriptions (Monthly)
- Start competitive procurement process for revised Specialty Pharmacy Model (Anticipated Feb-Oct 2020)
- Begin Long-Term Contract for revised Specialty Pharmacy Model (Anticipated Jan 2021)