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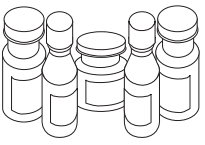
Section VIII

ADAP Technical Assistance (TA) Materials



CHAPTER SUMMARY

T*his chapter lists the available written materials published by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to assist AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) grantees in managing their programs. Information on how to order these documents is also included.*



ADAP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) MATERIALS

Introduction

A wide range of technical assistance materials on ADAP-related issues have been developed for use by grantees, advisory committees, physicians, and all those involved in ADAP services. These materials were developed in response to the rapidly changing environment of AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and the ongoing need for States to better manage limited resources while facing increasing demand.

This section presents a concise directory of the most useful resources to provide assistance with ADAP programs. As additional materials become available, this list will be updated and expanded.

On-Site Technical Assistance

On-site technical assistance (TA) is available to the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau's (HAB) ADAP grantees requiring support and guidance in strengthening their programs.

For more information on the process for requesting on-site TA, please see Section VIII, Chapter 1 of this manual.

ADAP Fact Sheets

Six ADAP fact sheets present general program information and State-by-State breakouts on certain program characteristics. The fact sheets are entitled:

General Overview;

Funding Overview;

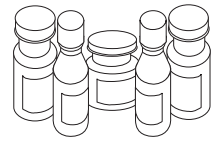
Formulary Overview;

Eligibility Criteria;

Cost-Containment Strategies; and

The Section 340B Drug Discount Program.

These publications are updated quarterly and provide explanations of the major issues currently facing ADAPs. Most ADAP fact sheets also provide State-by-State breakouts of program information. For example, "Funding Overview" lists each State's total ADAP resources, including Title II base funds, ADAP supplemental award, Title I contribution, State revenue, and cost-saving resources. These up-to-date charts may assist ADAPs and Title II program directors in assessing their programs by comparing them to those in other States.



The most recent ADAP fact sheet, “The Section 340B Drug Discount Program,” describes the two methods available to ADAPs for accessing the Section 340B Drug Discount Program: the point of purchase discount and the rebate option. For more information about the Section 340B Drug Discount Program, please see Section VII of this manual.

ADAP Monthly Report

In February 1998, HRSA implemented the ADAP Monthly Report (AMR), a new data collection system for State ADAPs. On a monthly basis, participants report on clients, expenditures, and any major changes to their State ADAP. The ADAP Monthly Report was made available via the Internet in March 2001. These monthly collections allow HRSA to more accurately monitor the rapid growth in client utilization, program costs, and changing patterns of enrollment and program use. In addition, information on the prices paid by State ADAPs for common HIV pharmaceuticals is collected on a quarterly basis.

From this AMR data, HRSA generates reports highlighting individual programs, comparisons between ADAPs, and aggregate nationwide trend analyses. These reports reflect the most up-to-date information on State ADAPs and demonstrate recent patterns and changes at the State level.

As of April 1, 1999, participation in the AMR data collection system became a Condition of Award for Title II ADAP grantees. Participation in the AMR allows HRSA to get a complete picture of national ADAP trends, as they occur throughout the year. In addition, a 100 percent submission rate gives HRSA the data necessary to assess the cost savings from the 340B Drug Discount point of purchase program and rebate option. The AMR is now available online.

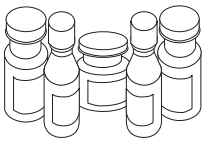
For more information about the ADAP Monthly Report, please see Section IV, Chapter 2 of this manual.

ADAP Conference Call Reports

HRSA’s AIDS Drug Assistance Program arranges the ADAP teleconference series. This conference call series is designed to:

- provide a forum for the exchange of information among ADAPs;
- update key activities and developments in ADAP programs; and
- facilitate discussions about models and strategies that ADAPs are using to respond to the critical challenges they face in providing access to effective treatments for low-income, uninsured people living with HIV disease.

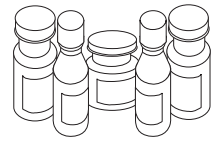
Each conference call usually begins with an update on DSS and ADAP activities. Selected panelists—Title II/ADAP State representatives, HRSA officials, or other experts on the topic—then address the topic of the call by giving short presentations on the issue from their individual perspectives. The presentations are followed by a question-and-answer session, which allows



listeners an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists, to share their own successes or challenges, and to provide feedback or comments on the discussion.

Conference call summaries are distributed to all registered participants and are available through HRSA or BETAH Associates. The documents are entitled, in chronological order:

1. *Determining Medical Eligibility* (September 25, 1996);
2. *Cost-Containment Strategies: Federal Purchasing Programs* (October 30, 1996);
3. *Cost-Containment Strategies Part 2: Rebates and Other Cost-Saving Measures* (December 4, 1996);
4. *Managing the Medicaid and ADAP Interface* (January 29, 1997);
5. *ADAP and Private Insurance: Coordination of Benefits, Pay and Chase Strategies, and State Insurance Pools* (February 26, 1997);
6. *Managing the ADAP Formulary: Ethical and Financial Considerations* (March 26, 1997);
7. *Taking Stock: Critical Issues Facing State ADAPs in 1997* (June 25, 1997);
8. *New Clinical Treatment Guidelines: The Impact on State ADAPs* (July 30, 1997);
9. *New Clinical Treatment Guidelines Part 2: Access and Education* (September 24, 1997);
10. *ADAP Innovations and Successes* (December 10, 1997);
11. *Improving Data Collection and Management* (February 25, 1998);
12. *Securing and Managing State Funds* (April 29, 1998);
13. *Back-to-Work Initiatives* (June 30, 1998);
14. *The Section 340B ADAP Rebate Option* (August 30, 1998);
15. *ADAP Challenges in the New Fiscal Year* (November 18, 1998);
16. *The Use of Title II ADAP Funds to Purchase Health Insurance* (January 20, 1999);
17. *ADAPs and Correctional Facilities: Ensuring a Continuum of Care* (March 17, 1999);
18. *ADAPs and Underserved Populations* (June 23, 1999);
19. *ADAPs and Preparation for Y2K* (September 28, 1999);
20. *Building a Safety net for the Uninsured* (November 30, 1999);
21. *Integrating the Prevention and Treatment of Hepatitis C with the Treatment of HIV/AIDS* (July 13, 2000);



22. *The Prime Vendor Program* (September 21, 2000);
23. *Web-Based ADAP Monthly Reporting* (February 22, 2001);
24. *Alternative Methods Demonstration Projects* (September 20, 2001);
25. *Maximizing Resources Through Coordination* (November 29, 2001);
26. *CARE Act Data Report: Impact on State and Territory ADAPs* (February 21, 2002).

ADAP Forum

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) developed an electronic bulletin board for State and Territory ADAPs. This bulletin board serves as an effective medium for State and Territory ADAPs to facilitate peer-to-peer communication and communication with the HIV/AIDS Bureau/Division of Service Systems/AIDS Drug Assistance Program's Central Office. Designed as a "working forum," it is dedicated to addressing the special problems and concerns of State ADAPs. The ADAP Branch uses the bulletin board to disseminate information to Grantees in a timely manner and to solicit feedback on pertinent ADAP issues that affect service delivery. Membership for use of the bulletin board consists of Division of Service Systems management staff, ADAP Branch staff, HRSA Regional Title II Project Officers and ADAP Grantees.

Other ADAP-Related Reports

ADAP TA documents provide useful information for grantees as they work to maximize limited resources and improve access to HIV/AIDS treatments. Documents currently available are described below.

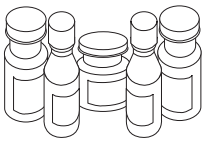
Drug Pricing, Purchasing, and Distribution Systems, 1997

This report offers an overview of the various drug purchasing and distribution cost-containment strategies that are available to ADAPs. It includes a review of the guidelines that govern the implementation of Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act and a presentation of ADAP models that facilitate participation in the Section 340B Drug Discount Program.

The 1997 report is no longer in print. A revised version of this document—including important information about the Section 340B Drug Discount Program, including the ADAP rebate option—can be found in Section VII of this manual.

State Profiles

ADAP State profiles provide HRSA and grantees with "snapshots" of individual State ADAP programs. These two-page documents include information on an ADAP for the current year and the preceding two years. These data highlight a program's patterns and changes in many



program areas. Such categories of information include funding resources, formulary composition, financial and medical eligibility criteria, client utilization, cost-saving strategies, the use of ADAP funds for Access, Adherence and Monitoring services, health insurance programs, and Medicaid coordination.

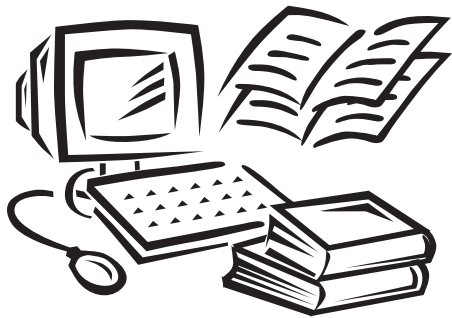
HRSA generates State profiles from its ADAP database, which stores ADAP information as provided in the annual Title II Grant Application. Information submitted by grantees on the AMR—such as formulary additions and changes in eligibility—are reflected in the State profile as well.

Coordination Strategies Between State ADAPs and Medicaid, 1998

This report provides an overview of the methods of coordination between ADAPs and State Medicaid programs. Several ADAPs with successful models of Medicaid coordination are highlighted, with particular emphasis on the transfer of clients between the two programs and the process of retroactive billing.

How to Order These ADAP TA Materials

To obtain any of the documents listed in this chapter, please call the Division of Service Systems at (301) 443-6745 and ask to speak to a member of the ADAP Branch staff.



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