

# Anatomy of a crisis: ADAP budget cuts

*Many states suffering this year*

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) of Washington, DC, has documented a number of program cuts, waiting lists, and other symptoms of budget problems among AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) nationwide.

Here is what NASTAD has found:

- Eight ADAPs report a higher demand of services due to higher unemployment;
- Seven ADAPs have had increased costs in insurance/Medicare Part D wrap-arounds;
- Seven ADAPs say they've had higher demand for services because of increased HIV testing initiatives;
- Six ADAPs reported increased drug costs;
- Five ADAPs were impacted by state Medicaid or other state program budget cuts;
- Thirteen states and six territories have had reductions in overall awards compared with FY 2008;
- About 54% of state HIV programs reported a decrease in state general revenue funding in state FY 2009, and 71% of states say they anticipate a decrease in state funding for FY 2010;
- For FY 2010, ADAPs need a \$269 million increase to meet increased need, but the president's FY 2010 budget only includes a \$20 million increase;
- ADAP waiting lists nationwide had about 100 people on them by mid-summer 2009;
- Ten states reported they would be reducing their formularies, lowering financial eligibility, capping enrollment, forming waiting lists, or requiring client cost sharing this year;
- State budget decreases in ADAP funds ranged from \$8,500 to \$56 million for a total decrease in FY 2009 of \$84.2 million;
- The average state ADAP budget decrease was 14%;
- Nearly 60% of states had reduced HIV/AIDS program costs through eliminating jobs and freezing administrative travel;
- More than 70% of states said they anticipated having state funding decreases for HIV programs in FY 2010.