

Memorandum

To: CARE Act grantees, providers and clients

From: CAEAR Coalition

Date: 10/7/2005

Re: CARE Act expiration

Expiration of CARE Act Will Have No Immediate Effect on Delivery of Services

CAEAR Coalition is providing this information in response to recent inquiries concerning possible implications of the CARE Act's expiration. As you may know, the legislation authorizing the Ryan White CARE Act expired on September 30, 2005. Congress can continue to fund the program indefinitely through its annual appropriations process with or without a reauthorized act, though this is not an ideal scenario. CARE Act funded services are currently being funded through a government-wide Continuing Resolution that runs through November 18 and funding for CARE Act programs is included in both the House and Senate FY 2006 appropriations bills.

Clearly, it is in the best interest of CARE Act programs and those they serve to have a reauthorized bill in place as soon as possible. Reauthorization provides an important opportunity to strengthen and improve upon the act. CAEAR Coalition and many of our allies in Washington and across the country are working diligently to secure swift reauthorization.

For more information on CAEAR Coalition's reauthorization positions and for the latest developments, please visit our Reauthorization Action Center at <http://www.caear.org/coalition/reauthor1.html>.

Urge Your Elected Leaders to Swiftly Reauthorize the CARE Act

We ask all CARE Act stakeholders to contact their members of Congress and urge their support for swift reauthorization of the CARE Act. To be connected to a Senate or House office, call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 (the hearing impaired can call 202-225-1904). Senate contact info can also be found at www.senate.gov and House contact info at www.house.gov.