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With a growing ADAP waiting list could Texas be next?

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ADAP-AIDS Drug Assistance Programs
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The AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) are designed to assist low-income people that often have no insurance coverage or very limited coverage with accessing their HIV related drug prescriptions. ADAPs are largely operated with funding appropriated by Congress with state funding and other funding contributors and ADAPs are state regulated. To read more visit <http://hab.hrsa.gov/treatmentmodernization/adap.htm>.

Today ADAPs are in crisis and the people in many parts of the United States that depend upon ADAPs to receive life sustaining medication are living in crisis. As of August 10, 2010 there were 3,337 individuals on the waiting list with Florida and Georgia carrying the largest burden of those waiting to read

more on the status of ADAPs waiting list visit [Welcome to NASTAD](#). ADAPs are not entitlement programs and thereby are dependent upon annual Congressional appropriations which can be influenced by factors such as the current ruling party, political climate, and economic state of the nation. In our current political climate the afore mentioned situations have impacted ADAPs greatly and elected officials appear to be more concerned, due to the political climate, with who will carry the majority with the November elections approaching. With the state of our country's economy and states struggling to balance their budgets many have chosen to not sufficiently fund ADAPs in their respective states, and these budgets are being balanced on the backs of our countries poorest.

Currently there is no waiting list in Texas hopefully there want be but the state and national economy looks bleak. Currently more than 60,000 people live with HIV/AIDS in Texas and Dallas carry a large burden of that number with more than 14,000 people living with HIV/AIDS, many receiving some type of AIDS drug assistance. Again, we are not on a waiting list but to balance our local budget in recent history there were funding cuts for much needed HIV services, visit [Dallas City Council denies HIV/AIDS funding, opens door to higher infection rate | www.pegasusnews.com | Dallas/Fort Worth to read more](#). Even though we are in one of the worst economic climates in present history, people being placed on a waiting list, in the United States, to receive life sustaining medicine is almost unfathomable. While it's good to know that Texas is not on a waiting list for ADAPs with the state of the nations economy you might want to ask **"Could Texas be Next?"**