

**NAPWA
ACTION ALERT**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED TO PRESERVE RYAN WHITE
FUNDING INCREASES**

Background

The FY 2008 Labor-HHS appropriations bill passed by both the House and Senate last week contained funding increases for Parts A, B, C and D of the Ryan White Program. This is the first time in the last five years that Congress has made meaningful increases to key components of the Ryan White program. Sadly, the President vetoed the bill yesterday. The House of Representatives is expected to schedule a vote to override the President's veto on either Thursday or Friday of this week.

What We Need You to Do

Call your House member today and urge them to preserve the Ryan White funding increases that Congress has already passed. If your member previously voted in favor of the appropriations bill that increased Ryan White funding, please thank them for their support and ask them to continue to support the Ryan White Program.

To find out how your Member of Congress previously voted on this issue, visit <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2007/roll1075.xml> , or just ask when you call your Member's office.

To reach a House member, call the Congressional Switchboard at 202-224-3121.

Message to Congresspersons

"The Ryan White Program funding levels contained in the Labor-HHS spending bill passed by Congress must be maintained in order to protect the health and well-being of uninsured and underinsured Americans living with HIV/AIDS. Please make sure that the final Fiscal Year 2008 Labor/HHS appropriations bill includes increased funding for Ryan White Care Act programs."

NAPWA advocates on behalf of all people living with HIV/AIDS in order to end the pandemic and human suffering caused by HIV/AIDS.

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