



January 17, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

This letter serves as notification of changes in the HIV program. Historically, Tennessee has provided HIV surveillance, testing, and prevention services through a CDC pass-through grant from the federal government. These arrangements were made under prior administrations, and this administration is examining areas where it can decrease its reliance on federal funding and assume increased independence. The State has determined it is in the best interest of Tennesseans for the State to assume direct financial and managerial responsibility for these services.

Accordingly, the pass-through grant contracts under both the Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the Epidemic in the United States CDC-RFA-PS20-2010 (08/01/22 – 08/01/23) and the TN Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Programs for Health Departments CDC-RFA-PS18-1802 grant (01/01/23 – 12/31/23) will end on 05/31/23. Other state funded initiatives will support all HIV prevention and surveillance staff and activities in funded metro health departments. Our goal is for new service contracts to be in place on 06/01/23.

Please communicate this decision to your sub-grantees directly, as we may not have the most current contact list and would not want any agency to be unaware of this change. We also ask for your patience in this process and for your cooperation as we seek to build on previous work with a different funding model for the HIV Prevention program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Talley MD, MPH".

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