



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 14-09

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director  
DATE: October 24, 2013

### AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL RYAN WHITE PART A SUPPORT TO ADDRESS ANTICIPATED SHORTAGES IN THE SUPPLY OF SUBURBAN VIRGINIA AIDS MEDICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia receives federal Ryan White and Virginia general funds, and pharmaceutical company drug rebates to support the Virginia AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides life-sustaining medications for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH); and

WHEREAS, the annual cost of HIV medications for a PLWH in Virginia can exceed \$11,000; and

WHEREAS, the ADAP program is not sustainable given the growth rate of new clients seeking services — about 166 clients per month statewide and 53 clients per month in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated \$7.35 million ADAP shortfall may be addressed with additional local, state, and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, local funds from a number of Virginia jurisdictions are being contributed to support the Virginia ADAP program; and

WHEREAS, while many states are expanding their Medicaid programs to cover additional low-income uninsured persons, including PLWH, Virginia is not; and

WHEREAS, within the Metro D.C. area, the District of Columbia expanded its Medicaid program several years ago, and Maryland is expected to follow suit January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the absence of Medicaid expansion in Virginia causes greater reliance on Ryan White as the primary payer for HIV medications;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Chairman to petition the Metropolitan Washington Regional Ryan White Planning Council and the D.C. Department of Health, HAHSTA for an increased share of the D.C. Metro Ryan White Part A award, a request of \$2 million, to support continued viability of the ADAP program for Northern Virginia PLWH;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director requests that each board and council of the Commission's member local governments send a letter to the Planning Council and D.C. HAHSTA supporting this request.



#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on October 24, 2013.

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G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer