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Dear Ryan White Program Outreach Service Providers:

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and the Miami-Dade County Ryan White Part A/MAI Program (RWP) are collaborating on a jail linkage initiative in Miami-Dade County jails to improve retention in care for persons living with HIV or AIDS. Some Ryan White Program outreach providers may have begun receiving Referral Consent forms from Christina Morrow, FDOH Linkage to Care Specialist.

Ms. Morrow will visit four jails during the third week of each month. FDOH will contact RWP outreach providers during the last week of the month to pick-up the white copy of the signed Referral Consent forms for the current month. RWP outreach workers will follow the existing linkage to care process to reach and connect HIV+ individuals to care. Behavioral Science Research Corporation (BSR) will also receive a copy of each Referral Consent form in order to track the forms and follow-up with outreach providers.

Key Points:

- The existing Referral Consent Linkage to Care forms used for linkages from HIV counseling and testing sites will now also be used for linkage with this special population even though the majority of the inmates are not newly diagnosed. Many of these clients were connected to RWP care prior to being in jail.
- For this purpose, the completed Referral Consent Linkage to Care form will be signed by Christina Morrow, the FDOH Linkage to Care Specialist. The form will NOT include a barcode for this special population, but it will indicate the jail location and an estimated release date instead. Ms. Morrow's signature, the jail location, and an estimated release date will be the only indicators that the referral is from the jail linkage initiative/project.
- The jail release date is difficult to determine for many of these individuals. Outreach workers can track inmate status on the Miami-Dade County Corrections Inmate Profile System (<http://egvsys.metro-dade.com:1608/wwwserv/crts/IPSAWNSI.DIA>).
- No outreach or medical case management encounters would be recorded or billed to the RWP while the client is still in jail. This process would simply help the outreach workers identify the location of a Ryan White Program client who might be considered lost to care because they are in jail.
- The only time an outreach encounter could be recorded is when an outreach worker is not able to reach the individual after the estimated release date and he/she is trying to determine if the individual is still in jail using the Miami-Dade County Corrections Inmate Profile System to get an update.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Susy Martinez, from BSR, at 305-443-2000. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



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