



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Health Care Financing Administration

Center for Medicaid and State Operations
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Dear State Medicaid Director:

I am pleased to announce that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is presenting an important new satellite broadcast series on HIV/AIDS-related issues. The goal of the series is to make the latest guidelines, data, and information on HIV/AIDS topics available to the largest possible audience. Each 2-hour program will take a close look at an issue of interest to health care providers, social workers, AIDS researchers, educators, caregivers, and more general audiences who are interested in AIDS-related topics.

The series will premier on Friday, February 27, 1998, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. EST, with a look at the Department of Health and Human Services' Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, John G. Bartlett, M.D., Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and Eric P. Goosby, M.D., Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, DHHS, will provide background information, explain the Guidelines, and answer viewer questions. A toll-free number will be provided during the broadcast, to give viewers an opportunity to direct questions or comments to the program's panel.

This series is a joint effort of the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Health Care Financing Administration, and the Indian Health Service.

Information on sites where the broadcast may be seen can be accessed on the Internet from HCFA's home page (<http://www.hcfa.gov>.) Information on how to serve as a viewing site is also available from HCFA's home page.

We are very pleased to be a sponsoring agency for this important project, and hope that you and members of your staff will be able to join us for the premier broadcast.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sally K. Richardson
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