Federal Funding Delay Affects People With HIV in DC

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Congressional delay in passing a federal budget this year and internal errors at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) may be holding up funding for critical medical care and services for more than 16,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia, *The Washington Post* reports. Although the fiscal 2011 budget continues paying about $2 billion a year in HIV/AIDS funding to cities, states and community-based organizations under the Ryan White CARE Act, the major delay in passing the budget set off a chain reaction that made it difficult for HRSA to calculate and distribute grants and for community organizations to plan their budgets. Staff turnover at HRSA also led to a backlog at the agency and to several errors in calculating grants.

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