Bad News: Virginia + ADAP Waiting Lists = :(

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Some sobering news came across the Poz Newsfeed two days before Christmas. I wanted to wait until after the holidays to bum you out over it. Here's the story...

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Virginia to Move 760 ADAP Clients to Waiting List

Nearly 760 people currently in Virginia's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) but who have stable immune systems will transition on to the ADAP waiting list in the next few months, reports The Hampton Roads. For the first time in 20 years, Virginia is being forced to limit its ADAP services and turn away clients. This is a result of increased need, a slow economy (fewer people have jobs and insurance), more HIV testing and diagnosed cases, and people living longer on treatments. The Virginia Department of Health has closed ADAP enrollment except for pregnant women,

children and special case patients, and it has limited the drugs offered in the program. Health officials say patients will be able to find help through Medicaid or drug company assistance programs. It's estimated that an additional 400 clients who would have qualified for Virginia's ADAP will be put on the waiting list each year. There are currently more than 4,000 people in nine states on ADAP waiting lists."

To read the *Hampton Roads* story, click here.

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