



## Florida AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

# WELVISTA TRANSITION GUIDANCE

Effective through March 31, 2011

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Welvista  
Pharmaceutical  
Assistance

Clients who can obtain 100% of their drug regimen from the Welvista formulary will be temporarily transitioned to Welvista. Florida ADAP has collaborated with Welvista, a non-profit organization to provide selected clients access to prescription medications donated by multiple HIV pharmaceutical manufacturers.

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Who Will Be  
Transitioned To  
Welvista

ADAP clients who are eligible to receive medications from Welvista were identified by the ADAP program office in Tallahassee on January 24, 2011. That list was emailed (encrypted) to each pharmacy manager and county ADAP program manager.

These clients will be labeled as "Transitioned-Welvista" in the database.

Pharmacist will only transfer clients to Welvista who have fills for 60 days or more.

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Prescription Fills

Welvista will provide 60-day fills. This will cover clients through 03/31/2011.

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Prescription  
Transfer

Pharmacist will send a hard copy of the client's prescription that is identified as having a 60-day or more fill to Welvista.

Send hard copy of prescription via FedEx overnight to:

Welvista  
2700 Middleburg Drive, Suite 105  
Columbia, SC 29204  
Attn: Shemega Tyson, RPh  
803-933-9183

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New  
Prescriptions

Patients who do not have at least 60-days of fill left will need a new prescription for 60 days.

The Medical Director for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS is working to inform medical providers of this need.

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Intelence and  
Prezista

Attention: Some clients who were identified for transition to Welvista may have Intelence and /or Prezista as part of their regimen. The drugs Intelence and Prezista will be provided through Central Pharmacy and not Welvista.

Any of the prescriptions that were identified to go to Welvista containing Intelence or Prezista must be sent and filled by the Central Pharmacy. Please coordinate the drugs from Welvista and the fill from Central Pharmacy (Intelence and /or Prezista) to ensure clients receive their complete drug regimen, If a client does not have a 60-day fill, a new prescription is required.

Central Pharmacy will mail Intelence and/or Prezista directly to the ADAP coordinators in each county to distribute.

ADAP headquarters will send a list of clients to the primary ADAP contact, who are identified as part of the transition to Welvista, having a prescription for Intelence and /or Prezista.

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Client  
Notification

Given the short time frame, local areas are asked to notify clients as quickly as possible. A FAQ is attached for clients. Please share broadly with case managers, CBOs, ASOs and post where appropriate.

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Medication  
Pick-ups

The following procedures apply:

1. Clients will pick up their medications from ADAP coordinators in their respective area.
  2. Client must date and sign a drug pickup form. (see attached)
  3. The pickup form must be placed in the client's file.
  4. No logging of Welvista drug pickups is required in the ADAP database.
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Medications  
Shipment

Client's medications will be mailed to the county health departments. The package will be sent to the attention of the agent (ADAP coordinator).

Medications will be labeled and packaged for each individual client.

Welvista makes every effort to process each order within 24-48 hours and ships them via the United States Postal Service with delivery confirmation. Turn-around time will be 5-7 days from receipt of the client's prescription.

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Medications  
Distribution

Medications received from Welvista should be stored and distributed by primary ADAP contacts at the County level.

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Storage of  
Medications

The storage for received medications should be located in an area completely separate from the dispensing Pharmacy.

Medications are to be stored under a locked system (i.e. the storage area containing the medications must be locked).

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Medications Not  
Picked Up

DO NOT RETURN medications to Welvista that are not picked up.

Those medications should be quarantined and each CHD should contact their contracted reverse distributor for pick-up and destruction.

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Clients  
Transitioning  
Back To ADAP  
04/01/2011

All clients transitioning back to ADAP will require a new prescription. Obtaining a new prescription should be coordinated during the months of February and March, 2011.

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Recertification ADAP contacts will be able to access client's record in the database to recertify clients as needed.

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Questions Contact ADAP headquarters at 850-245-4335.

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