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The Honorable Caroline Menjivar  
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**RE: 4265 – California Department of Public Health  
Request for ADAP Rebate Funds for Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce**

Directors at Large

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Dear Senator Menjivar and Assemblymember Addis,

Cameron Kaiser, MD  
Solano County

The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), representing the physician health officers of California’s sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, respectfully requests \$18.6 million in AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Funds in 2026–27 to support the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce in local health departments statewide.

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The 2025 Budget Act provided a one-time, partial-year investment of ADAP Rebate Funds to sustain local and state disease intervention specialist personnel following the expiration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention DIS Workforce Development supplemental funding through the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year.

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The purpose of the California Department of Public Health DIS Workforce Development Grant is to develop, expand, train, and sustain the DIS workforce and address jurisdictional prevention and response needs for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). This funding supports scaling prevention efforts, increasing capacity for disease investigation, ensuring appropriate treatment, linking individuals to care and ongoing case management, monitoring disease trends, and rapidly responding to outbreaks of STIs, HIV, HCV, mpox, and other emerging transmissible diseases.

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Without continued funding for the DIS Workforce Development Grant, local health departments will lose this critical workforce supporting STI prevention, investigation, and response efforts in communities across California beyond June 30, 2026. Sustained investment is essential to maintaining core communicable disease control infrastructure and protecting the health of communities statewide. HOAC respectfully requests that the Legislature provide \$18.6 million in ADAP Rebate Funds for the DIS Workforce Development Grant in 2026–27.

Staff

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Should you have any questions about this request, please contact us.

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Sincerely,

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