Appendix A: Medical Guidelines.

These additional medical guidelines only apply to applications to the Ohio HIV Drug Assistance Program (OHDAP).

When OHDAP has a waiting list for program enrollment and subject to sufficient funding, applicants to the Ryan White Part B programs must meet one of the following medical guidelines to be eligible for expedited enrollment:

1. Pregnant women who meet all OHDAP eligibility criteria and who are not eligible for other programs which provide antiretroviral (ARV) medications.

2. Post partum women (women who given birth within 180 days prior to applying to OHDAP) who meet all OHDAP eligibility criteria and who are not eligible for other programs which provide antiretroviral (ARV) medications.

If the OHDAP is able to enroll some but not all individuals from the waiting list (based on insufficient funds), applications from individuals who meet all OHDAP eligibility criteria and who are not eligible for other programs which provide ARV medications will be prioritized as follows:

Priority 1: Individuals with HIV and other extreme medical conditions such as, but not limited to, HIV-associated nephropathy or HIV related dementia. The applicant's HIV-treating physician or nurse practitioner shall complete a medical waiver request consistent with section 3701-44-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Priority 2: Individuals with a history of AIDS-defining illness [see paragraph (C) of Appendix A to section 3701-3-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code for indicator diseases diagnosed definitively] and/or a nadir CD4 count of less than or equal to 200 cells/mm^3 (or less than 14%). Documentation shall be provided by the HIV-treating physician or nurse practitioner evidencing how the individual meets this priority.

Priority 3: Individuals with HIV and a nadir CD4 count between 201-350 cells/mm^3. Documentation shall be provided by the HIV-treating physician or nurse practitioner evidencing how the individual meets this priority.

Priority 4: Individuals with HIV and a nadir CD4 count between 351-500 cells/mm^3. Documentation shall be provided by the HIV-treating physician or nurse practitioner evidencing how the individual meets this priority.

Priority 5: Individuals with HIV and a nadir CD4 count above 500 cells/mm^3. Documentation shall be provided by the HIV-treating physician or nurse practitioner evidencing how the individual meets this priority.

Individuals on the waiting list should notify OHDAP if there is deterioration in their health. Individuals who submit documentation by the HIV-treating physician or nurse practitioner evidencing how the individual meets one of the above listed priorities will move to the appropriate priority while retaining their original waiting list date.