



September 17, 2018

Dear Medical Colleague:

As part of the Miami-Dade County Part A/MAI Ryan White Program's efforts to improve health outcomes and ensure clients remain in medical care the Medical Care Subcommittee is **strongly encouraging** providers to have *standing orders for viral loads* at **5 months**. The Ryan White Program and ADAP program require clients have viral load labs no more than 6 months old to obtain services. Requesting the labs at 5 months will ensure clients have sufficient time to complete this requirement and reduce any potential barriers to accessing services.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Quality Management Program-Behavioral Science Research at 305-445-1076 or the Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget-Office of Grant Coordination/Ryan White Program at 305-375-4742.

Sincerely,

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