

JUNE UPDATE

MAJOR VICTORY IN THE SENATE:

Reauthorization

Bill Passes Senate by Unanimous Consent

On Tuesday, June 6, 2000, the Senate passed the Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000 (S. 2311) by unanimous consent. The bill's passage without any dissent or debate reflects both our collective and intense advocacy initiative over the past two years and the strong grassroots and Congressional support built during the past decade. Congratulations!

Say Thank You

All members of the Senate deserve thanks for the bill's passage. Please take this opportunity to write a letter of thanks to both of your state's senators. Especially deserving are sponsor James Jeffords (R-VT) and lead co-sponsor Edward Kennedy (D-MA), as well as the 49 other co-sponsors of the bill – the strong showing of bipartisan support was critical to the passage by unanimous consent.

Co-sponsoring Senators include:

- Daniel Akaka, D-HI
- Evan Bayh, D-IN
- Robert Bennett, R-UT
- Joseph Biden, D-DE
- Jeff Bingaman, D-NM
- Christopher Bond, R-MO
- Barbara Boxer, D-CA
- John B. Breaux, D-LA
- Richard Bryan, D-NV
- Lincoln D. Chafee, R-RI
- Max Cleland, D-GA
- Susan M. Collins, R-ME
- Christopher J. Dodd, D-CT
- Byron L. Dorgan, R-ND
- Richard J. Durbin, D-IL
- John Edwards, D-NC
- Michael B. Enzi, R-WY
- Dianne Feinstein, D-CA
- Bill Frist, R-TN
- Slade Gorton, R-WA

- Bob Graham, D-FL
- Judd Gregg, R-NH
- Tom Harkin, D-IA
- Orrin G. Hatch, R-UT
- Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-TX
- Daniel K. Inouye, D-HI
- Edward M. Kennedy, D-MA
- John F. Kerry, D-MA
- Mary L. Landrieu, D-LA
- Frank R. Lautenberg, D-NJ
- Patrick J. Leahy, D-VT
- Joseph I. Lieberman, D-CT
- Richard G. Lugar, R-IN
- Connie Mack, R-FL
- Barbara A. Mikulski, D-MD
- Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-NY
- Patty Murray, D-WA
- Jack Reed, D-RI
- Charles S. Robb, D-VA
- John D. Rockefeller, IV, D-WV
- Rick Santorum, R-PA
- Paul S. Sarbanes, D-MD
- Charles E. Schumer, D-NY
- Gordon Smith, R-NH
- Olympia Snowe, R-ME
- Strom Thurmond, R-SC
- Robert Torricelli, D-NJ
- John W. Warner, R-VA
- Paul D. Wellstone, D-MN
- Ron Wyden, D-OR

The bill as passed by the Senate is available on the Internet at <http://thomas.loc.gov>. Search for S. 2311.

Now it's on to
the House of
Representatives!

House Needs to Hear from Constituents on Reauthorization

The Senate's passage of the bill by unanimous consent builds great momentum for action in the House of Representatives, where a CARE Act reauthorization bill has yet to be introduced.

It is now time to focus our advocacy efforts on the House. Please call your representative and let her/him know that you want to see the Ryan White CARE Act reauthorized before this Congress adjourns. Your message should include how hopeful you are that the Senate has voted to reauthorize this vital federal program. You may also add that the Senate bill reflects widespread community input and consensus.

You can reach your representative through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Also, CARE Now postcards targeting House members are still available. Please contact the CAEAR Coalition office at 202-789-3565 or info@caear.org for postcards.

FY 2001 Appropriations

Members of the Senate still need to hear from constituents regarding the FY 2001 appropriations. The Senate amounts for Title I and Title III of the CARE Act, which have passed the Appropriations Committee, are substantially below the numbers passed by the House Appropriations Committee and the President's request. Call or write your senators and urge them to support CARE Act funding levels that match the House budget.

Save the Date for Fall 2000 Business Meeting and Advocacy Days

The CAEAR Coalition's fall meeting is scheduled for Sunday and Monday September 10 and 11, with advocacy days to follow on September 12 and 13. The meeting will include the election of the CAEAR Coalition's Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Washington—watch for registration materials in the near future.

FY 2001 Ryan White CARE Act Program

(Increases or decreases from previous year are shown in parentheses)

PROGRAM	FY 2000 Final	FY 2001 CAEAR Request	FY 2001 President's Budget Request 2/7/00	FY 2001 House Appropriations Committee 5/24/00	FY 2001 Senate Appropriations Committee 5/11/00
HRSA: Ryan White CARE Act Total	\$1,594.8m	N/A	\$1,719.8m (+\$125.0m)	\$1,725m (+\$130.45m)	\$1,650.0m (+\$55.45m)
Title I	\$546.6m	\$635m	\$586.6m (+\$40.0m)	\$586.5m (+\$40.0m)	\$556.6m (+\$10.0m)
Title II: Care Services	\$296.1m	N/A	\$310.1m (+\$14.0m)	\$310.0m (+\$14.0)	\$296.0m (+\$0)
Title II: ADAP	\$528m	N/A	\$554.0m (+\$26.0m)	\$554.0m (+\$26.0m)	\$538.0m (+\$10.0m)
Title III	\$138.4m	\$184m	\$171.4m (+\$33.0m)	\$173.9m (+\$35.5)	\$166.4 (+\$28.0m)
Title IV	\$51m	N/A	\$60.0m (+\$9.0m)	\$60.0m (+\$9.0m)	\$58.45m (+\$7.45m)
Part F: AETCs	\$26.7m	N/A	\$29.2m (+\$2.5m)	\$31.6m (+\$4.95m)	\$26.65m (+\$0)
Part F: Dental Reimbursement	\$8m	N/A	\$8.5m (+\$0.5m)	\$9.0m (+\$1.0m)	\$8.0m (+\$0)