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Dear Members of the HIV Clinical Guidelines Panels,

After careful consideration, leadership at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has determined that NIH support provided by the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) for the HIV clinical practice guidelines will phase out by June 2026. In the climate of budget decreases and revised priorities, OAR is beginning to explore options to transfer management of the guidelines to another agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We will keep you informed as these discussions progress.

This transition represents a new phase for the guidelines. The Panels have been an interagency HHS effort for over three decades and working groups of the OAR Advisory Council (OARAC) since 2005. Together, we now have an opportunity to develop a proactive, careful transition plan for each Panel.

OAR and NIH broadly are deeply grateful for your service on the Panels and we ask for it to continue. In the coming weeks, co-chairs and NIH Executive Secretaries will convene Panel members to discuss options for sustainable maintenance of the guidelines and discuss transition options. We welcome input from Panel members and other partners, including clinicians and community members. While we recognize the uncertainty in this process, we hope you will continue to produce relevant updates throughout the next year and during the transition period.

The next OARAC meeting on Thursday, June 26 will include a special session on guidelines sustainability planning with Panel leadership and OARAC members. Please note this is a public meeting and is available on [NIH VideoCast](#). We hope you can tune in to hear a facilitated discussion regarding recommendations for transition planning. If you are unable to attend the entire meeting, the guidelines session will begin at approximately 2:15pm ET and is expected to last for one hour; it will also be available later for on demand viewing. You can access the OARAC meeting at [go.nih.gov/OARAC68](http://go.nih.gov/OARAC68) and find additional details on the [OAR website](#).

If you receive any questions about the transition or the future of the guidelines, please direct them to your Panel Chair(s) and NIH Executive Secretaries, and feel free to reach out to OAR directly at [OARACinfo@nih.gov](mailto:OARACinfo@nih.gov).

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geri R. Donenberg", is located below the text "With appreciation,".

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