







CHART #2: DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES' HEALTH CARE PLANS: HIV/AIDS PROPOSALS (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY: F-Z)

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	<u>Mike Gravel</u> 	<u>Dennis Kucinich</u> 	<u>Barack Obama</u> 	<u>Bill Richardson</u> 
Policies and Pledges	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Signed 08stopaids.org “Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS”¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Released his own HIV/AIDS plan to combat national and global HIV/AIDS² ➤ During first year of his Presidency will develop and implement a national HIV/AIDS strategy that includes all Federal agencies² ➤ The National Strategy will include measurable goals, timelines, and accountability mechanisms² ➤ Signed 08stopaids.org “Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS”¹ ➤ During first year of his presidency, proposes to enact a \$2 billion global education fund³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Released his own HIV/AIDS plan on December 1, 2007 to address AIDS domestically and globally⁴ ➤ Will appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission on HIV/AIDS, bringing together multiple stakeholders to develop a coordinated National Strategy for HIV/AIDS that provides a comprehensive solution for ending the epidemic⁴ ➤ National Strategy will include specific, measurable objectives⁴ ➤ Ensure that all recipients of U.S. HIV/AIDS funding are held accountable for management of funding and for meeting objectives for HIV prevention, treatment, and care⁴ ➤ Signed 08stopaids.org “Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS”¹

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Infrastructure	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commitment to explore the establishment of a Cabinet-level poverty-focused development agency^{1†††} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National HIV/AIDS strategy developed in first year of his Presidency will include participation of all Federal agencies² ➤ Commitment to explore the establishment of a Cabinet-level poverty-focused development agency^{1†††} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will make his Vice President the Chair of the HIV Commission⁵ ➤ Will appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission on HIV/AIDS, bringing together multiple stakeholders to develop a comprehensive National Strategy for HIV/AIDS⁴ ➤ Create a cabinet-level position charged with coordinating national AIDS policy⁴ ➤ Commitment to explore the establishment of a Cabinet-level poverty-focused development agency^{1†††}
Selected Research Initiatives, Including Those Specific to HIV/AIDS**	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports significant increases in funding for research and development of pharmaceuticals through the NIH⁶ ➤ Remove patent protection on pharmaceuticals produced with public funds⁶ ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV⁷ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expand funding for AIDS research, especially for prevention options including a vaccine and microbicides² ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV⁷ ➤ Will expand research on microbicides to prevent transmission of HIV and other infections in women² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Double the NIH budget over ten years, including increases in funding for research on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment and for efforts to rapidly translate research findings into practice⁴ ➤ Ensure that research funding supports the development of effective preventive and therapeutic vaccines, innovative and improved treatment options, and biomedical and behavioral prevention initiatives⁴ ➤ Create a strong focus on microbicide research by requiring the NIH to establish and maintain a clinical trials network⁴ ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the

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				discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV ⁷
Prevention Programs	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports increasing Federal appropriations for science-based HIV prevention programs to no less than \$1 billion annually⁷ ➤ Supports legislation to lift the ban on Federal funding for needle exchange⁷ ➤ Commitment to implement evidence based prevention policies that explicitly address the needs of all at-risk populations^{1†††} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will develop strategy in first year of Presidency to reduce HIV infections² ➤ Supports increasing Federal appropriations for science-based HIV prevention programs to no less than \$1 billion annually⁷ ➤ Supports comprehensive sex education that is age-appropriate² ➤ Supports legislation to lift the ban on Federal funding for needle exchange² ➤ Commitment to implement evidence based prevention policies that explicitly address the needs of all at-risk populations^{1†††} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Strategy will focus on preventing HIV/AIDS through evidence-based, cost-effective, and culturally appropriate methods⁴ ➤ Ensure a dedicated funding stream for comprehensive, age-appropriate, and science-based sex education⁴ ➤ Supports legislation to lift the ban on Federal funding for needle exchange⁴ ➤ Invest \$1 billion a year through the CDC for the development and implementation of evidence-based, culturally appropriate prevention strategies⁴ ➤ Commitment to implement evidence based prevention policies that explicitly address the needs of all at-risk populations^{1†††}
Early Detection/Testing	No Information Found	No Information Found	No information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports culturally appropriate outreach programs to help reduce stigma and other barriers to HIV testing⁴
Treatment	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV+ individuals⁷ ➤ Will ensure HIV treatment and care for all people with HIV through universal healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategy developed in first year of Presidency will be designed to increase access to care and reduce HIV-related health disparities² ➤ Pledges to protect the multifaceted care upon which 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve access to quality, affordable HIV/AIDS treatment⁴ ➤ Fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act to end waiting lists for critical HIV/AIDS medications and supportive

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		<p>initiatives, utilizing the 2004 recommendations on HIV care expansion from the Institute of Medicine⁷</p>	<p>Ryan White Care Act beneficiaries depend²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bring Medicaid coverage to low income, HIV+ Americans through Early Treatment for HIV Act² ➤ Will ensure HIV treatment and care for all people with HIV through universal healthcare initiatives, utilizing the 2004 recommendations on HIV care expansion from the Institute of Medicine⁷ 	<p>services⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV+ individuals⁷ ➤ Will ensure HIV treatment and care for all people with HIV through universal healthcare initiatives, utilizing the 2004 recommendations on HIV care expansion from the Institute of Medicine⁷
Services	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports increased funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent Federal housing programs⁷ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports increased funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent housing programs² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports increased funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent Federal housing programs⁴ ➤ Fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act to end waiting lists for critical HIV/AIDS medications and supportive services⁴
Insurance Initiatives, Including Those Specific to HIV/AIDS***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All Americans will be covered by a universal, Federal health care voucher program⁸ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide comprehensive health care coverage for all Americans through a universal single payer system that is publicly financed and privately delivered⁹ ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV+ individuals⁷ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committed to signing universal health care legislation by the end of first term in office that ensures all Americans have high-quality, affordable health care coverage² ➤ Health plan will ensure that people living with HIV have access to treatment and care² ➤ Bring Medicaid coverage to low income, HIV+ Americans through Early Treatment for HIV Act² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide affordable, quality, and secure health insurance for every American through a mix of public and private insurance¹⁰ ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV+ individuals⁷
Vulnerable Populations	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act to help prevent transmission of HIV among the incarcerated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategy developed in first year of Presidency will be designed to reduce HIV- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Would tailor prevention and service delivery programs to meet diverse groups of people

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(including women, children, minorities, incarcerated populations, children, MSM)		<p>population¹¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commitment to implement evidence-based prevention policies that explicitly address the needs of all at-risk populations^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to provide community-based support, health and nutrition to children orphaned and made vulnerable by AIDS globally^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to prevent violence against women and girls globally^{1†††} 	<p>related health disparities²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will tackle the root causes of health disparities by addressing differences in access to health coverage and promoting prevention and public health² ➤ Will challenge the medical system to eliminate inequities in health care through quality measurement and reporting² ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act to help prevent transmission of HIV among the incarcerated population² ➤ Will enact a gender sensitive approach to fighting AIDS³ ➤ Commitment to implement evidence-based prevention policies that explicitly address the needs of all at-risk populations^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to provide community-based support, health and nutrition to children orphaned and made vulnerable by AIDS globally^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to prevent violence against women and girls globally^{1†††} 	<p>affected by HIV/AIDS⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act to help prevent transmission of HIV among the incarcerated population⁷ ➤ Ensure that HIV/AIDS programs appropriately address violence against women and girls with culturally relevant prevention and treatment programs⁴ ➤ Ensure that women and girls have full access to health care (especially sexual and reproductive health care services), as well as access to educational opportunities⁴ ➤ Work with U.S. foreign assistance programs to provide care and support to orphans and other vulnerable children⁴ ➤ Commitment to implement evidence-based prevention policies that explicitly address the needs of all at-risk populations^{1†††}
Global Initiatives	No Information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invest \$30 billion over 4 years in global fight against AIDS³ ➤ Supports the U.S. investing its fair share towards the WHO's funding goal to address the shortage of trained health care workers in the developing world⁷ ➤ Encourage the IMF and World Bank to reduce and eventually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reauthorize PEPFAR when it expires in 2008 and rewrite much of the bill to ensure that best practices drive funding for HIV/AIDS programs² ➤ By 2012 will expand PEPFAR by providing at least \$1 billion a year in new money to strengthen and expand the program to Southeast Asia, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commit at least \$50 billion by 2013 to the global fight against HIV/AIDS to help reach the goal of doubling the number of HIV-positive people receiving treatment sponsored by the U.S. and halving the number of Malaria cases and deaths from TB⁴ ➤ Strongly encourage other G8

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		<p>eliminate debt that takes poor nations' resources away from crises like AIDS³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will repeal the requirement that federally funded NGOs working abroad condemn prostitution, a pledge that interferes with the ability of groups to adequately reach and help sex workers⁷ ➤ Repeal trade agreements that impeded access to affordable generic drugs³ ➤ Supports the rights of sovereign nations to access quality-assured, low-cost generic medication to meet their pressing public health needs⁷ ➤ Supports the adoption of humanitarian licensing policies that ensure medications developed with U.S. taxpayer dollars are available off-patent in developing countries⁷ ➤ Commitment to provide at least \$50 billion dollars by 2013 for the global fight against HIV/AIDS to increase access to prevention services, provide treatment to one-third of those in need and increase the number of health workers by at least one million, building local self-sufficiency^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to contribute the U.S. fair share of the budget to the Global Fund to fight 	<p>India, and Eastern Europe²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will dedicate as much funding to HIV/AIDS as possible (without cutting into other critical foreign assistance programs) to ensure a comprehensive fight against the global pandemic² ➤ Increase U.S. contributions to the Global Fund for AIDS, Malaria and TB² ➤ Double U.S. foreign assistance to \$50 billion per year to meet the Millennium Development Goals, including halving the number of people who die of TB and/or are affected by Malaria² ➤ Target new spending toward strategic goals, including helping the world's weakest states build healthy and educated communities, reduce poverty, develop markets, and generate wealth² ➤ Ensure that poor countries are able to develop the health care infrastructure necessary to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS, promote basic health care, reduce the spread of Malaria and TB, and prevent, or if necessary contain, other pandemics² ➤ Will repeal the requirement that federally funded NGOs working abroad condemn prostitution, a pledge that interferes with the ability of groups to prevent HIV 	<p>donor nations to meet and increase their pledges for HIV/AIDS assistance, including contributions to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Achieve international goals for TB treatment and prevention as described in the U.S. endorsed "Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015"⁴ ➤ Will increase bilateral TB spending by \$2.2 billion for treatment scale-up over his first term⁴ ➤ As part of \$50 billion commitment to fight global AIDS, invest \$8 billion in training health care workers⁴ ➤ Ensure that all U.S. HIV/AIDS programs are linked with other health, development, and anti-poverty programs⁴ ➤ Will work to launch a multilateral Marshall Plan for Africa³ ➤ Ensure that global prevention funding is used for scientifically proven programs such as needle exchange, prevention of perinatal transmission, and comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education programs⁴ ➤ Supports removing the requirement in PEPFAR that 1/3 of funding for prevention efforts go to abstinence-only
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		<p>AIDS, TB and Malaria^{1†††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commitment to make significant progress towards providing an additional 1% of the U.S. budget to fighting poverty globally^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to provide community- based support, health and nutrition to children orphaned and made vulnerable by AIDS globally^{1†††} ➤ Provide the U.S. share of funding needed to establish universal access to basic education^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to prevent violence against women and girls globally^{1†††} ➤ Scale up programs to fight Tuberculosis and Malaria^{1†††} 	<p>infection sex workers⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ As part of global AIDS funding, increase spending for HIV prevention programs that are scientifically proven to halt the spread of HIV⁷ ➤ Supports removing the requirement in PEPFAR that 1/3 of funding for prevention efforts go to abstinence-only programs⁷ ➤ Work with other developed nations and multilateral institutions to cancel remaining onerous debt for some developing nations while pushing reforms² ➤ During first year of his presidency, proposes to enact a \$2 billion global education fund³ ➤ Improve coordination of trade and development policies to use America's economic power to help developing nations reap the benefits of the global trading system² ➤ Supports the rights of sovereign nations to access quality-assured, low-cost generic medication to meet their pressing public health needs² ➤ Supports the adoption of humanitarian licensing policies that ensure medications developed with U.S. taxpayer dollars are available off-patent in developing countries² ➤ Commitment to provide at 	<p>programs⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Push the International Monetary Fund to cancel 100% of the debt of high-poverty developing nations, contingent upon their agreement to implement and track the progress of specific AIDS programs⁴ ➤ Ensure that the 10% earmark for orphans and vulnerable children in U.S. bilateral AIDS programs is maintained⁴ ➤ Increase funding by \$1.5 billion for programs that address maternal and child health globally⁴ ➤ Work with all U.S. foreign assistance programs to give care and support to orphans and other vulnerable children⁴ ➤ Ensure that women and girls have full access to health care (especially sexual and reproductive health care), as well as access to educational opportunities⁴ ➤ Ensure that HIV/AIDS programs appropriately address violence against women and girls with culturally relevant prevention and treatment programs⁴ ➤ Support countries seeking to increase legal enforcement to protect women and guarantee their human rights⁴ ➤ Implement trade policies that grant developing countries access to lower-cost generic
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			<p>least \$50 billion dollars by 2013 for the global fight against HIV/AIDS to increase access to prevention services, provide treatment to one-third of those in need and increase the number of health workers by at least one million, building local self-sufficiency^{1†††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commitment to make significant progress towards providing an additional 1% of the U.S. budget to fighting poverty globally^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to provide community- based support, health and nutrition to children orphaned and made vulnerable by AIDS globally^{1†††} ➤ Commitment to prevent violence against women and girls globally^{1†††} 	<p>medications for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other public health emergencies⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rely on the World Health Organization's prequalification process as an acceptable drug approval agency (rather than requiring generic manufacturers to seek approval from the FDA)⁴ ➤ Supports the adoption of humanitarian licensing policies that ensure medications developed with U.S. taxpayer dollars are available off-patent in developing countries⁷ ➤ Commitment to make significant progress towards providing an additional 1% of the U.S. budget to fighting poverty globally^{1†††} ➤ Provide the U.S. share of funding needed to establish universal access to basic education^{1†††}
Legislative Initiatives	No information Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports legislation to lift the ban on Federal funding for needle exchange⁷ ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV+ individuals⁷ ➤ Supports increased funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent Federal housing programs⁷ ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act, which would prevent transmission of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reauthorize PEPFAR when it expires in 2008 and rewrite much of the bill to ensure that best practices drive funding for HIV/AIDS programs² ➤ By 2012 will expand PEPFAR by providing at least \$1 billion a year in new money to strengthen and expand the program to Southeast Asia, India, and Eastern Europe² ➤ Supports legislation to lift the ban on Federal funding for needle exchange² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports lifting ban on Federal funding for needle exchange⁴ ➤ Supports the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV+ people⁷ ➤ Supports increased funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent Federal housing programs⁴ ➤ Fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act to end waiting lists for critical HIV/AIDS

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		<p>HIV within the incarcerated population¹¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV⁷ ➤ Will repeal the requirement that federally funded NGOs working abroad condemn prostitution, a pledge that interferes with the ability of groups to adequately reach and help sex workers⁷ ➤ Supports the repeal of the ban against people who are HIV+ entering the U.S. as travelers or immigrants and barring those people who are HIV+ in the U.S. from legalizing their immigration status⁷ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bring Medicaid coverage to low-income, HIV-positive Americans through Early Treatment for HIV Act² ➤ Increase funding for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and other pertinent housing programs² ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act to help prevent transmission of HIV among the incarcerated population² ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV⁷ ➤ Will repeal the requirement that federally funded NGOs working abroad condemn prostitution, a pledge that interferes with the ability of groups to adequately reach and help sex workers⁷ ➤ Supports the repeal of the ban against people who are HIV+ entering the U.S. as travelers or immigrants and barring those in the U.S. who are HIV+ from legalizing their immigration status⁷ 	<p>medications and supportive services⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports JUSTICE Act, to help prevent transmission of HIV among the incarcerated population⁷ ➤ Supports the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the NIH dedicated to the discovery and development of anti-HIV topical agents to prevent sexual transmission of HIV⁷ ➤ Supports the repeal of the ban against people who are HIV+ entering the U.S. as travelers or immigrants and barring those people who are HIV+ in the U.S. from legalizing their immigration status⁷ ➤ Ensure that the 10% earmark for orphans and vulnerable children in U.S. bilateral AIDS programs is maintained⁴ ➤ Increase funding by \$1.5 billion for programs which address maternal and child health globally⁴ ➤ Lift Federal barriers to research on medicinal marijuana and respect state laws allowing its therapeutic use to help HIV/AIDS patients when indicated obtain symptom relief and promote adherence to ARV medication⁴
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