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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Dr. Alberta Ferrari Named Acting Director of the Ryan White Part A Program**

**BALTIMORE, MD (September 12, 2011)** – Commissioner of Health Dr. Oxiris Barbot has named Dr. Alberta Ferrari acting director of the Health Department’s Ryan White program. Dr. Ferrari has served as assistant program director for administration within the Ryan White program since 2006.

Dr. Ferrari received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, and a Bachelor of Science from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She has more than eight years of experience working in program administration and quality improvement.

The Ryan White program provides fiduciary and regulatory oversight of HIV/AIDS primary medical care and supportive services provided to infected persons who are uninsured, under-insured, or who are not able to obtain needed services through other insurance programs. As assistant program director, Dr. Ferrari has performed day-to-day administration of the \$20 million Ryan White CARE Act Part A grant program. Her responsibilities included programmatic evaluation, quality assurance, compliance enforcement, data collection, federal reporting requirements, and providing technical assistance to subcontractors.

“Dr. Ferrari’s unique background as both a clinician and program administrator equip her with the skills necessary to carry out the policies and procedures required under the federal Ryan White Act,” said Commissioner of Health Dr. Oxiris Barbot.

“I look forward to working closely with our service providers and subcontractors to ensure people living with HIV/AIDS receive the medical and supportive services they need,” Dr. Ferrari said.

Ralph Briseuno, who led the program for the last 15 years, recently accepted a new position in Washington, D.C. “We thank Ralph for his tireless dedication to improving the efficiency and efficacy of the Baltimore Ryan White Part A office,” Dr. Barbot said.

For more information on the Ryan White program, visit our Website at <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/ryanwhite.html>.

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