

Ending the **HIV** Epidemic

Expand PrEP & PEP Access HF855 (Hollins) SF340(Dibble)

Supporting HF340 expands HIV prevention medications prophylaxis (PrEP) and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) especially for Minnesotans disproportionately at higher risk for HIV. The bill authorizes pharmacists to dispense PrEP and PEP without a prescription. – Helps End HIV in Minnesota by increasing the number of people who have access to HIV prevention medications and decreasing new HIV infection rates.

What is PrEP & PEP?

- When taken as prescribed Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), a once-a-day pill, is more than 99% effective in preventing HIV.
- Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) is prescribed to people who have had a possible exposure to HIV. PEP must be started within 72 hours of potential exposure.

Why is it needed?

- Provides access and availability to HIV prevention medications for people at high risk for new HIV infection.
- Expanding pharmacists prescribing authorities is the next huge leap to ending HIV in MN
- It is estimated that only about 10% of the total 1.2 million people nationwide who could benefit from PrEP & PEP are potentially receiving the medication.
- Reduce the number of new infections of HIV by 75% by the year 2035
- To help keep HIV negative people maintain a negative status through HIV prevention medications.

What does the bill do?

- Authorize pharmacists to dispense PrEP and PEP without a prescription.
- Authorizes, but not requires, a training program for pharmacists about PrEP & PEP by the Department of Human Services.

