

Ending the **HIV** Epidemic

HIV Drug Formulary Protection HF1904 (Boldon) SF346 (Dibble)

Supporting HF1904 helps ensure that Minnesotans living with HIV will continue to have affordable and uninterrupted access to critical antiviral medications. – Helps End HIV in Minnesota by increasing the number of people who are virally suppressed.

Why is it needed?

- Ensures people living with HIV in Minnesota have full access to the medication that works best for them.
- To maintain uninterrupted access to antiretroviral medications and people living with HIV (PLWH) can achieve/sustain undetectable status or “viral suppression”
- In order to end the HIV epidemic in Minnesota by 2025 access to HIV medications through state and federal programs must be available and uninterrupted.
- To reach the MN State HIV Strategy goal of 90% of people living with HIV be virally suppressed.
- 25 states have similar protections of the HIV drug class and HIV medication is one of six protected drug classes in Medicare
- To help keep people living with HIV at undetectable levels “virally suppressed” and prevent the spread of new HIV infections. (Undetectable = Untransmittable)
 - Every year, 300 new infections adds \$120,000,000 in expected state medical costs.

What does the bill do?

- Ensures that Minnesotan's living with HIV have access to affordable medications with the freedom to change those meds when necessary as directed by their medical care teams.
- Maintains an open drug formulary of HIV medications that allow PLWH the necessary freedom to change meds as necessary for their continued health.
- Proposed reorganization of the Formulary Committee with adequate representation of consumers and health care professionals with public input.

