

# Ending the **HIV** Epidemic

## HIV Medication Co-pay Exemption SF2096 (Dibble) HF 2355 (Finke)

HF2355 protects people living with HIV (PLWH) in Minnesota by exempting medications for the prevention or treatment of HIV from medical assistance and MinnesotaCare co-payments. Providing less barriers to life saving medications and ultimately end HIV in MN.

### Why is it needed?

- Ensure no person living with HIV in Minnesota loses access to life-saving medication because of a co-pay requirement.
- Provide access to antiretroviral medications and people living with HIV (PLWH) can achieve/sustain undetectable status or “viral suppression”
- In 2021, 64% of PLWH in MN were “virally suppressed”, and co-pay protections can increase the number of people attaining an undetectable viral level.
- To help keep HIV negative people maintain a negative status through HIV prevention medications.
  - Every year, 300 new infections adds \$120,000,000 in expected state medical costs.

### What does the bill do?

- Removes MA and MNCare co-pay requirements on medications used to prevent or treat human immunodeficiency virus HIV

