

# SAFELY EXPANDING HIV PREVENTION & TREATMENT ACCESS

## We can do more to end new infections & improve lives

9,700 Minnesotans live with HIV/AIDS with over 275 new cases diagnosed each year.

MN has a goal that by 2025 “new HIV diagnoses are rare and all people living with HIV—and those at high risk of HIV infection—will have access to high quality health care and the resources they need to live long healthy lives, free from stigma and discrimination.”

To meet this goal we must expand timely and convenient community-based patient access to Pre-exposure (PrEP) and Post-exposure (PEP) prophylaxis.

HF 2466 (Curran)/SF 2320 (Dibble):

- Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe, dispense, & administer drugs for preventing HIV.
- Authorizes ordering, conducting, & interpreting laboratory tests necessary for therapies that use drugs for preventing HIV.
- Provides for payment of services.

Patient access & speed are critical:

- Timely access is vital, especially with exposure—72 hours for treatment.
- Pharmacists are trained and will operate under a protocol from the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.
- Most Minnesotans live within 5 miles of a pharmacy and see their pharmacist more times per year than any other provider.
- Other states have taken similar steps: AR, CA, CO, ID, IL, KY, ME, MO, NC, NM, NV, NY, OR, UT, VT.

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