

Expand PrEP & PEP Access HF2466 (Curran) SF2320 (Dibble)

Supporting HF2466/SF2320 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.

