

Ending the **HIV** Epidemic

HIV Medication Co-pay Exemption **HF745 (Hornstein) SF349(Dibble)**

HF745 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 2018, 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

