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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a pilot program to provide universal access for PrEP
1.3 and PEP treatment programs; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PREP)
1.6 AND POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) PROGRAM.

1.7 Subdivision 1. **General.** The commissioner of health shall implement a health initiative
1.8 to provide universal access to PrEP medicines to prevent HIV infection and PEP antiretroviral
1.9 medicines to address potential exposure to HIV. The purpose of the program is to provide
1.10 access to those persons who are not insured, persons whose insurance does not cover PrEP
1.11 and PEP medicines, or persons who have co-pay charges that make access to the medicines
1.12 unaffordable. The goal of the program is to improve health outcomes and reduce health care
1.13 costs by managing care to prevent HIV.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Funding.** The commissioner shall seek funding for the program through an
1.15 appropriation from AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and the pharmaceutical rebate
1.16 revenue program. The commissioner shall seek federal grant money available for the purpose
1.17 of this section. The commissioner shall also seek other alternative funding that may be
1.18 available for the purpose of this section.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Public education; availability of drugs.** The commissioner shall:

1.20 (1) develop a public awareness campaign to educate the public about PrEP and PEP;

2.1 (2) develop a distribution process by making the medicines available through public and
2.2 community clinics such as the Red Door, Clinic 555, NorthPoint Health and Wellness
2.3 Center, and LaClinica; and

2.4 (3) engage with community-based nonprofit agencies such as the Minnesota AIDS
2.5 Project, Rainbow Health Initiative, African American AIDS Task Force, Positive Care
2.6 Center at Hennepin County Medical Center, Youth and AIDS Project, and Rural AIDS
2.7 Action Network to raise awareness of the program and to connect persons with agencies
2.8 that provide access to the medicines.