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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY
VIRUS PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS AND POST-EXPOSURE
PROPHYLAXIS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-112h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health [shall] may establish and
4 contract for the administration of a [program using AIDS Services
5 funding to provide financial assistance to victims of sexual assault for
6 drugs prescribed by a physician for nonoccupational post-exposure
7 prophylaxis for human immunodeficiency virus consistent with
8 recommendations of the National Centers for Disease Control and
9 Prevention and the state of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health
10 Care Response to Victims of Sexual Assault. The commissioner shall
11 give priority for benefits under the program established pursuant to this
12 section to sexual assault victims who are uninsured or underinsured
13 and for whom the program is a payer of last resort. The commissioner
14 shall issue a request for proposal totaling twenty-five thousand dollars

15 annually to which a qualified organization may apply to administer the
16 program.] state-wide human immunodeficiency virus pre-exposure
17 prophylaxis and post-exposure prophylaxis drug assistance program
18 using appropriated AIDS Services funding, provided such funding is
19 equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand dollars annually. The
20 program shall provide financial assistance to individuals at risk of
21 acquiring human immunodeficiency for the purchase of pre-exposure
22 and post-exposure prophylaxis for human immunodeficiency virus
23 prescribed by a licensed physician consistent with the recommendations
24 of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For the
25 purposes of this subsection, "financial assistance" includes, but need not
26 be limited to, payments for out-of-pocket costs, copayments,
27 coinsurance, and up to full cost payments toward a deductible for
28 individuals who are underinsured and for whom the program is the
29 payer of last resort.

30 (b) The commissioner shall give priority for benefits under the
31 program established pursuant to this section to individuals who have
32 an increased risk of acquiring human immunodeficiency virus or who
33 have had a recent exposure to such virus, but are unable to purchase
34 pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis for human
35 immunodeficiency virus and for whom the program is a payer of last
36 resort.

37 (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
38 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section. The
39 commissioner may implement policies and procedures necessary to
40 administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting
41 such policies and procedures as regulations, provided notice of intent to
42 adopt regulations is published on the eRegulations System not later than
43 twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and procedures
44 implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final
45 regulations are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-112h

Statement of Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to uninsured and underinsured individuals in need of pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis who are unable to pay for medications that prevent HIV.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]