



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1068

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 Section 19a-112h of the general statutes is repealed and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

3 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall establish and contract
4 for the administration of a [program using AIDS Services funding to
5 provide financial assistance to victims of sexual assault for drugs
6 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
10 Health Care Response to Victims of Sexual Assault. The commissioner
11 shall give priority for benefits under the program established pursuant
12 to this section to sexual assault victims who are uninsured or
13 underinsured and for whom the program is a payer of last resort. The
14 commissioner shall issue a request for proposal totaling twenty-five
15 thousand dollars annually to which a qualified organization may
16 apply to administer the program.] state-wide human
17 immunodeficiency virus pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure
18 prophylaxis drug assistance program using appropriated AIDS

19 Services funding, provided such funding is equal to or greater than
20 twenty-five thousand dollars annually. The program shall provide
21 financial assistance to individuals at risk of acquiring human
22 immunodeficiency for the purchase of pre-exposure and post-exposure
23 prophylaxis for human immunodeficiency virus prescribed by a
24 licensed physician consistent with the recommendations of the
25 National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For the purposes
26 of this subsection, "financial assistance" includes, but need not be
27 limited to, payments for out-of-pocket costs, copayments, coinsurance,
28 and up to full cost payments toward a deductible for individuals who
29 are underinsured and for whom the program is the 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.
39 The commissioner may implement policies and procedures necessary
40 to administer the provisions of this section while in the process of
41 adopting such policies and procedures as regulations, provided notice
42 of intent to adopt regulations is published on the eRegulations System
43 not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies
44 and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid
45 until the time final regulations are adopted.

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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

