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To increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the transmission of HIV.

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “PrEP Access and Cov-
5 erage Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
9 vention estimates that approximately 1,200,000 indi-
10 viduals in the United States are living with HIV.

11 (2) In 2021, there were 36,136 new diagnoses
12 of HIV in the United States.

13 (3) HIV disproportionately impacts gay and bi-
14 sexual men, transgender women, and, in particular,
15 people of color. In 2021, approximately 71 percent
16 of new HIV diagnoses were estimated to be among
17 gay and bisexual men, 40 percent of new HIV diag-
18 noses were among Black people, and 29 percent of
19 new HIV diagnoses were among Latinx people. Re-
20 cent studies suggest that transgender women are up
21 to 49 times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV
22 than the general population. Members of commu-
23 nities at the intersections of these groups are most
24 heavily impacted.

1 (4) Pre-exposure prophylaxis (referred to in this
2 section as “PrEP”) is a daily antiretroviral medica-
3 tion that helps prevent individuals from acquiring
4 HIV. Daily PrEP use reduces the risk of getting
5 HIV from sex by more than 99 percent. It reduces
6 the risk of getting HIV from injection drug use by
7 at least 74 percent.

8 (5) Many individuals at risk of exposure to HIV
9 do not use PrEP. Of the approximately 1,200,000
10 individuals in the United States who could benefit
11 from PrEP, only 31 percent, or 382,364 individuals,
12 filled prescriptions for the drug in 2022.

13 (6) PrEP usage is inconsistent across racial
14 and gender lines. In 2022, only 11 percent of Black/
15 African American and 21 percent of Hispanic/Latinx
16 individuals who were eligible for PrEP were pre-
17 scribed it, compared to 82 percent of eligible White
18 individuals. PrEP usage is low among women, in
19 particular among heterosexual women of color,
20 slightly less than 12 percent of women eligible for
21 PrEP received a prescription in 2022.

22 (7) PrEP use helps strengthen families by al-
23 lowing couples with partners of different HIV
24 statuses to prevent the transmission of HIV.

1 (8) There are currently 2 brand name drugs
2 and 1 generic drug approved by the Food and Drug
3 Administration for the use of PrEP on a daily basis.
4 A long-acting injectable PrEP drug has also been
5 approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
6 Other types of HIV prevention treatments, including
7 other long-acting injectables, long-acting oral pills,
8 implants, and vaginal rings are in the research pipe-
9 line. These innovations can increase widespread use
10 of PrEP along with adherence, which can speed the
11 Nation’s goal to end HIV and address inequities in
12 health care.

13 (9) Section 2713 of the Public Health Service
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–13) requires non-grand-
15 fathered private health insurance plans to cover pre-
16 ventive services without cost-sharing, including such
17 services with a rating of “A” or “B” under rec-
18 ommendations of the United States Preventive Serv-
19 ices Task Force. On June 11, 2019, the United
20 States Preventive Services Task Force issued a final
21 recommendation giving an “A” grade for PrEP for
22 individuals at high risk of HIV; non-grandfathered
23 private health insurance plans have to cover PrEP
24 for such individuals without cost-sharing effective
25 January 2021. Updated United States Preventive

1 Service Task Force guidance incorporating the new
2 long-acting injectable PrEP drug is pending.

3 (10) Joint guidance issued by the Department
4 of Labor, the Department of Health and Human
5 Services, and the Department of the Treasury on
6 July 19, 2021, clarifies that ancillary services nec-
7 essary to maintain the PrEP regime, including sub-
8 sequent provider visits, clinical testing, and other
9 services, is required to be covered by health insurers
10 without cost-sharing.

11 (11) Permanently expanding access to cost-free
12 PrEP and ancillary services for all individuals, in-
13 cluding individuals who do not have health insur-
14 ance, through legislation, is a critical step towards
15 eliminating HIV transmission.

16 (12) Post-exposure prophylaxis (referred to in
17 this section as “PEP”) is a daily antiretroviral
18 treatment which, when initiated promptly after a
19 sexual or other exposure to blood or body fluids that
20 are associated with a high risk of HIV transmission,
21 is highly effective at preventing HIV transmission.

22 (13) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
23 vention recommends PEP for an individual who has
24 experienced a high-risk exposure incident, provided
25 that the individual tests HIV-negative, initiates such

1 treatment not later than 72 hours after exposure,
2 and continues the treatment for 28 days.

3 (14) Despite PEP's proven effectiveness in pre-
4 venting HIV transmission after high-risk sexual ex-
5 posures, including sexual assault, awareness of PEP
6 is low among individuals who would benefit from the
7 treatment. Studies suggest that awareness of PEP
8 and of the importance of its prompt initiation is par-
9 ticularly low among young gay and bisexual men of
10 color, transgender individuals, and women of all gen-
11 der identities.

12 (15) Adequate knowledge of guidelines issued
13 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
14 for assessing indications for PEP and for initiating
15 and sustaining PEP are low among health care pro-
16 viders and staff. Because PEP is an emergency
17 intervention, insufficient knowledge among providers
18 and staff in hospital emergency rooms, urgent care
19 centers, community health centers, and primary care
20 physicians is of particular concern.

21 (16) Private and public health insurance plans
22 and programs frequently impose requirements for
23 coverage of PEP, including pre-authorization re-
24 quirements and requirements to obtain the medica-
25 tions through designated specialty pharmacies and

1 mail-order programs that pose significant obstacles
2 to timely initiation of treatment.

3 (17) Insurance deductibles and co-payments for
4 PEP medications create significant barriers to PEP
5 utilization by many individuals who have experienced
6 high-risk incidents.

7 (18) The Federal Government has a compelling
8 interest in preventing new cases of HIV. Lowering
9 the prevalence of HIV protects public health and
10 saves on the cost of HIV treatment.

11 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that the Department of Labor, the Department of
13 Health and Human Services, and the Department of the
14 Treasury should ensure compliance with the requirements
15 described in paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 3. COVERAGE OF HIV TESTING AND PREVENTION**
17 **SERVICES.**

18 (a) PRIVATE INSURANCE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2713(a) of the Pub-
20 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–13(a)) is
21 amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
23 and inserting a semicolon;

24 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
25 riod and inserting a semicolon;

1 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
2 riod and inserting a semicolon;

3 (D) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-
4 riod and inserting “; and”; and

5 (E) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(6) any prescription drug approved by the
7 Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of
8 HIV (other than a drug subject to preauthorization
9 requirements consistent with section 2729A), admin-
10 istrative fees for such drugs, laboratory and other
11 diagnostic procedures associated with the use of
12 such drugs, and clinical follow-up and monitoring,
13 including any related services recommended in cur-
14 rent United States Public Health Service clinical
15 practice guidelines, without limitation.”.

16 (2) PROHIBITION ON PREAUTHORIZATION RE-
17 QUIREMENTS.—Subpart II of part A of title XXVII
18 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–
19 11 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 **“SEC. 2729A. PROHIBITION ON PREAUTHORIZATION RE-**
22 **QUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN**
23 **SERVICES.**

24 “A group health plan or a health insurance issuer of-
25 fering group or individual health insurance coverage shall

1 not impose any preauthorization requirements with re-
2 spect to coverage of the services described in section
3 2713(a)(6), except that a plan or issuer may impose
4 preauthorization requirements with respect to coverage of
5 a particular drug approved under section 505(c) of the
6 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or section 351(a)
7 of this Act if such plan or issuer provides coverage without
8 any preauthorization requirements for a drug that is ther-
9 apeutically equivalent.”.

10 (b) COVERAGE UNDER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
11 HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM.—Section 8904 of title 5,
12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 “(c) Any health benefits plan offered under this chap-
15 ter shall include benefits for, and may not impose any
16 cost-sharing requirements for, any prescription drug ap-
17 proved by the Food and Drug Administration for the pre-
18 vention of HIV, administrative fees for such drugs, labora-
19 tory and other diagnostic procedures associated with the
20 use of such drugs, and clinical follow-up and monitoring,
21 including any related services recommended in current
22 United States Public Health Service clinical practice
23 guidelines, without limitation.”.

24 (c) MEDICAID.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905 of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—

3 (A) in subsection (a)(4)—

4 (i) by striking “; and (D)” and insert-
5 ing “; (D)”;

6 (ii) by striking “; and (E)” and in-
7 serting “; (E)”;

8 (iii) by striking “; and (F)” and in-
9 serting “; (F)”;

10 (iv) by striking the semicolon at the
11 end and inserting “; and (G) HIV preven-
12 tion services;”;

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(jj) HIV PREVENTION SERVICES.—For purposes of
16 subsection (a)(4)(G), the term ‘HIV prevention services’
17 means prescription drugs for the prevention of HIV acqui-
18 sition, administrative fees for such drugs, laboratory and
19 other diagnostic procedures associated with the use of
20 such drugs, and clinical follow-up and monitoring, includ-
21 ing any related services recommended in current United
22 States Public Health Service clinical practice guidelines,
23 without limitation.”.

1 (2) NO COST-SHARING.—Title XIX of the So-
2 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (A) in section 1916, by inserting “HIV
5 prevention services described in section
6 1905(a)(4)(G),” after “section 1905(a)(4)(C),”
7 each place it appears; and

8 (B) in section 1916A(b)(3)(B), by adding
9 at the end the following new clause:

10 “(xv) HIV prevention services de-
11 scribed in section 1905(a)(4)(G).”.

12 (3) INCLUSION IN BENCHMARK COVERAGE.—
13 Section 1937(b)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
14 U.S.C. 1396u-7(b)(7)) is amended—

15 (A) in the paragraph header, by inserting
16 “AND HIV PREVENTION SERVICES” after “SUP-
17 PLIES”; and

18 (B) by striking “includes for any individual
19 described in section 1905(a)(4)(C), medical as-
20 sistance for family planning services and sup-
21 plies in accordance with such section” and in-
22 serting “includes medical assistance for HIV
23 prevention services described in section
24 1905(a)(4)(G), and includes, for any individual
25 described in section 1905(a)(4)(C), medical as-

1 sistance for family planning services and sup-
2 plies in accordance with such section”.

3 (d) CHIP.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2103 of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc), as amended by
6 section 11405(b)(1) of Public Law 117–169, is
7 amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “and
9 (8)” and inserting “(8), (10), (11), and (13)”;
10 and

11 (B) in subsection (e), by adding at the end
12 the following new paragraph:

13 “(13) HIV PREVENTION SERVICES.—Regard-
14 less of the type of coverage elected by a State under
15 subsection (a), the child health assistance provided
16 for a targeted low-income child, and, in the case of
17 a State that elects to provide pregnancy-related as-
18 sistance pursuant to section 2112, the pregnancy-re-
19 lated assistance provided for a targeted low-income
20 pregnant woman (as such terms are defined for pur-
21 poses of such section), shall include coverage of HIV
22 prevention services (as defined in section 1905(jj)).”.

23 (2) NO COST-SHARING.—Section 2103(e)(2) of
24 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(e)(2)) is
25 amended by inserting “HIV prevention services de-

1 scribed in subsection (c)(13),” before “or for preg-
2 nancy-related assistance”.

3 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
5 graph (B), the amendments made by subsection
6 (c) and this subsection shall take effect on Jan-
7 uary 1, 2025.

8 (B) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLA-
9 TION REQUIRED.—In the case of a State plan
10 approved under title XIX or XXI of the Social
11 Security Act which the Secretary of Health and
12 Human Services determines requires State leg-
13 islation (other than legislation appropriating
14 funds) in order for the plan to meet the addi-
15 tional requirements imposed by this section, the
16 State plan shall not be regarded as failing to
17 comply with the requirements of such title sole-
18 ly on the basis of the failure of the plan to meet
19 such additional requirements before the 1st day
20 of the 1st calendar quarter beginning after the
21 close of the 1st regular session of the State leg-
22 islatre that ends after the 1-year period begin-
23 ning with the date of the enactment of this sec-
24 tion. For purposes of the preceding sentence, in
25 the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative

1 session, each year of the session is deemed to
 2 be a separate regular session of the State legis-
 3 lature.

4 (e) COVERAGE AND ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING
 5 UNDER MEDICARE.—

6 (1) COVERAGE OF HIV PREVENTION SERVICES
 7 UNDER PART B.—

8 (A) COVERAGE.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2)
 10 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 11 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

12 (I) in subparagraph (II), by
 13 striking “and” at the end;

14 (II) in subparagraph (JJ), by in-
 15 sserting “and” at the end; and

16 (III) by adding at the end the
 17 following new subparagraph:

18 “(KK) HIV prevention services (as defined
 19 in subsection (nnn));”.

20 (ii) DEFINITION.—Section 1861 of
 21 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)
 22 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 23 lowing new subsection:

24 “(nnn) HIV PREVENTION SERVICES.—The term
 25 ‘HIV prevention services’ means—

- 1 “(1) drugs or biologicals approved by the Food
2 and Drug Administration for the prevention of HIV;
3 “(2) administrative fees for such drugs;
4 “(3) laboratory and other diagnostic procedures
5 associated with the use of such drugs; and
6 “(4) clinical follow-up and monitoring, including
7 any related services recommended in current United
8 States Public Health Service clinical practice guide-
9 lines, without limitation.”.

10 (B) ELIMINATION OF COINSURANCE.—Sec-
11 tion 1833(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

13 (i) by striking “and (HH)” and in-
14 serting “(HH)”; and

15 (ii) by inserting before the semicolon
16 at the end the following: “, and (II) with
17 respect to HIV prevention services (as de-
18 fined in section 1861(nnn)), the amount
19 paid shall be 100 percent of (i) except as
20 provided in clause (ii), the lesser of the ac-
21 tual charge for the service or the amount
22 determined under the fee schedule that ap-
23 plies to such services under this part, and
24 (ii) in the case of such services that are
25 covered OPD services (as defined in sub-

1 section (t)(1)(B)), the amount determined
2 under subsection (t)”.

3 (C) EXEMPTION FROM PART B DEDUCT-
4 IBLE.—The first sentence of section 1833(b) of
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(b)) is
6 amended—

7 (i) by striking “, and (13)” and in-
8 serting “(13)”; and

9 (ii) by striking “1861(n).” and in-
10 serting “1861(n), and (14) such deductible
11 shall not apply with respect to HIV pre-
12 vention services (as defined in section
13 1861(nnn)(1)).”.

14 (D) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
15 made by this paragraph shall apply to items
16 and services furnished on or after January 1,
17 2025.

18 (2) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR
19 DRUGS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HIV UNDER PART
20 D.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1860D–2 of
22 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–
23 102(b)) is amended—

24 (i) in subsection (b)—

- 1 (I) in paragraph (1)(A), by strik-
2 ing “and (9)” and inserting “, (9),
3 and (10)”;
- 4 (II) in paragraph (2)—
- 5 (aa) in subparagraph (A),
6 by striking “and (9)” and insert-
7 ing “, (9), and (10)”;
- 8 (bb) in subparagraph (C)(i),
9 in the matter preceding subclause
10 (I), by striking “and (9)” and in-
11 serting “(9), and (10)”;
- 12 (cc) in subparagraph (D)(i),
13 in the matter preceding subclause
14 (I), by striking “and (9)” and in-
15 serting “(9), and (10)”;
- 16 (III) in paragraph (3)(A), in the
17 matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
18 ing “and (9)” and inserting “(9), and
19 (10)”;
- 20 (IV) in paragraph (4)(A)(i), by
21 striking “and (9)” and inserting “,
22 (9), and (10)”;
- 23 (V) by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(10) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR
2 DRUGS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HIV.—For plan
3 years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, with
4 respect to a covered part D drug that is for the pre-
5 vention of HIV—

6 “(A) the deductible under paragraph (1)
7 shall not apply; and

8 “(B) there shall be no coinsurance or other
9 cost-sharing under this part with respect to
10 such drug.”; and

11 (ii) in subsection (c), by adding at the

12 end the following new paragraph:

13 “(7) TREATMENT OF COST-SHARING FOR
14 DRUGS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HIV.—The cov-
15 erage is provided in accordance with subsection
16 (b)(10).”.

17 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO COST-
18 SHARING FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.—Sec-
19 tion 1860D–14(a) of the Social Security Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114(a)) is amended—

21 (i) in paragraph (1)(D), in each of
22 clauses (ii) and (iii), by striking “para-
23 graph (6)” and inserting “paragraphs (6)
24 and (7)”;

25 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

1 (I) in subparagraph (B), by
2 striking “and (9)” and inserting “,
3 (9), and (10)”;

4 (II) in subparagraph (D), by
5 striking “paragraph (6)” and insert-
6 ing “paragraphs (6) and (7)”;

7 (III) in subparagraph (E), by
8 striking “paragraph (6)” and insert-
9 ing “paragraphs (6) and (7)”;

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(7) NO APPLICATION OF COST-SHARING OR
13 DEDUCTIBLE FOR DRUGS FOR THE PREVENTION OF
14 HIV.—For plan years beginning on or after January
15 1, 2025, with respect to a covered part D drug that
16 is for the prevention of HIV—

17 “(A) the deductible under section 1860D–
18 2(b)(1) shall not apply; and

19 “(B) there shall be no cost-sharing under
20 this section with respect to such drug.”.

21 (f) COVERAGE OF HIV PREVENTION TREATMENT BY
22 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—

23 (1) ELIMINATION OF MEDICATION COPAY-
24 MENTS.—Section 1722A(a) of title 38, United

1 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(5) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a medication
4 for the prevention of HIV.”.

5 (2) ELIMINATION OF HOSPITAL CARE AND MED-
6 ICAL SERVICES COPAYMENTS.—Section 1710 of such
7 title is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (f)—

9 (i) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
10 paragraph (6); and

11 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (4)
12 the following new paragraph (5):

13 “(5) A veteran shall not be liable to the United States
14 under this subsection for any amounts for laboratory and
15 other diagnostic procedures associated with the use of any
16 prescription drug approved by the Food and Drug Admin-
17 istration for the prevention of HIV, administrative fees for
18 such drugs, or for laboratory or other diagnostic proce-
19 dures associated with the use of such drugs, or clinical
20 follow-up and monitoring, including any related services
21 recommended in current United States Public Health
22 Service clinical practice guidelines, without limitation.”;
23 and

24 (B) in subsection (g)(3), by adding at the
25 end the following new subparagraph:

1 “(C) Any prescription drug approved by the
2 Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of
3 HIV, administrative fees for such drugs, laboratory
4 and other diagnostic procedures associated with the
5 use of such drugs, and clinical follow-up and moni-
6 toring, including any related services recommended
7 in current United States Public Health Service clin-
8 ical practice guidelines, without limitation.”.

9 (3) INCLUSION AS PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERV-
10 ICE.—Section 1701(9) of such title is amended—

11 (A) in subparagraph (K), by striking “;
12 and” and inserting a semicolon;

13 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (L) as
14 subparagraph (M); and

15 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (K)
16 the following new subparagraph (L):

17 “(L) any prescription drug approved by
18 the Food and Drug Administration for the pre-
19 vention of HIV, administrative fees for such
20 drugs, laboratory and other diagnostic proce-
21 dures associated with the use of such drugs,
22 and clinical follow-up and monitoring, including
23 any related services recommended in current
24 United States Public Health Service clinical
25 practice guidelines, without limitation; and”.

1 (g) COVERAGE OF HIV PREVENTION TREATMENT BY
2 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
4 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
5 section 1074o the following new section:

6 **“§ 1074p. Coverage of HIV prevention treatment**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 ensure coverage under the TRICARE program of HIV
9 prevention treatment described in subsection (b) for any
10 beneficiary under section 1074(a) of this title.

11 “(b) HIV PREVENTION TREATMENT DESCRIBED.—
12 HIV prevention treatment described in this subsection in-
13 cludes any prescription drug approved by the Food and
14 Drug Administration for the prevention of HIV, adminis-
15 trative fees for such drugs, laboratory and other diagnostic
16 procedures associated with the use of such drugs, and clin-
17 ical follow-up and monitoring, including any related serv-
18 ices recommended in current United States Public Health
19 Service clinical practice guidelines, without limitation.

20 “(c) NO COST-SHARING.—Notwithstanding section
21 1075, 1075a, or 1074g(a)(6) of this title or any other pro-
22 vision of law, there is no cost-sharing requirement for HIV
23 prevention treatment covered under this section.”.

24 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
25 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended

1 by inserting after the item relating to section 1074o
2 the following new item:

“1074p. Coverage of HIV prevention treatment.”.

3 (h) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TESTING, MONI-
4 TORING, AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR THE PREVEN-
5 TION OF HIV.—Title II of the Indian Health Care Im-
6 provement Act is amended by inserting after section 223
7 (25 U.S.C. 1621v) the following:

8 **“SEC. 224. TESTING, MONITORING, AND PRESCRIPTION**
9 **DRUGS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HIV.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
11 the Director of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment
12 under section 832, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations,
13 shall provide, without limitation, funding for any prescrip-
14 tion drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration
15 for the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus (com-
16 monly known as ‘HIV’), administrative fees for that drug,
17 laboratory and other diagnostic procedures associated with
18 the use of that drug, and clinical follow-up and moni-
19 toring, including any related services recommended in cur-
20 rent United States Public Health Service clinical practice
21 guidelines.

22 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
24 essary to carry out this section.”.

1 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsections (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), and (h) shall take effect
3 with respect to plan years beginning on or after January
4 1, 2025.

5 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON DENIAL OF COVERAGE OR IN-**
6 **CREASE IN PREMIUMS OF LIFE, DISABILITY,**
7 **OR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE FOR INDI-**
8 **VIDUALS TAKING MEDICATION FOR THE PRE-**
9 **VENTION OF HIV ACQUISITION.**

10 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law, it shall be unlawful to—

12 (1) decline or limit coverage of an individual
13 under any life insurance policy, disability insurance
14 policy, or long-term care insurance policy, on ac-
15 count of the individual taking medication for the
16 purpose of preventing the acquisition of HIV;

17 (2) preclude an individual from taking medica-
18 tion for the purpose of preventing the acquisition of
19 HIV as a condition of receiving a life insurance pol-
20 icy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care in-
21 surance policy;

22 (3) consider whether an individual is taking
23 medication for the purpose of preventing the acquisi-
24 tion of HIV in determining the premium rate for
25 coverage of such individual under a life insurance

1 policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care
2 insurance policy; or

3 (4) otherwise discriminate in the offering,
4 issuance, cancellation, amount of such coverage,
5 price, or any other condition of a life insurance pol-
6 icy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care in-
7 surance policy for an individual, based solely and
8 without any additional actuarial risks upon whether
9 the individual is taking medication for the purpose
10 of preventing the acquisition of HIV.

11 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—A State insurance regulator
12 may take such actions to enforce subsection (a) as are spe-
13 cifically authorized under the laws of such State.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.—The term
16 “disability insurance policy” means a contract under
17 which an entity promises to pay a person a sum of
18 money in the event that an illness or injury resulting
19 in a disability prevents such person from working.

20 (2) LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.—The term “life
21 insurance policy” means a contract under which an
22 entity promises to pay a designated beneficiary a
23 sum of money upon the death of the insured.

24 (3) LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICY.—
25 The term “long-term care insurance policy” means

1 a contract for which the only insurance protection
2 provided under the contract is coverage of qualified
3 long-term care services (as defined in section
4 7702B(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

5 **SEC. 5. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.**

6 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following:

9 **“SEC. 399V-8. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS AND POST-EX-**
10 **POSURE PROPHYLAXIS EDUCATION CAM-**
11 **PAIGNS.**

12 **“(a) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—**

13 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary, acting
14 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
15 Control and Prevention, in consultation with the Di-
16 rector of the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/
17 AIDS Policy, shall establish a public health cam-
18 paign for the purpose of educating the public on
19 medication for the prevention of HIV acquisition.

20 **“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—**In carrying out this
21 subsection, the Secretary shall ensure cultural com-
22 petency and efficacy within high-need communities
23 in which PrEP or PEP are underutilized by devel-
24 oping the campaign in collaboration with organiza-
25 tions that are indigenous to communities that are

1 overrepresented in the domestic HIV epidemic, in-
2 cluding communities of color and the lesbian, gay,
3 bisexual, transgender, and queer community. The
4 Secretary shall ensure that the campaign is designed
5 to increase awareness of the safety and effectiveness
6 of PrEP and PEP, the recommended clinical prac-
7 tices for providing PrEP-related and PEP-related
8 clinical care, and the local availability of PrEP and
9 PEP providers, and to counter stigma associated
10 with the use of PrEP and PEP.

11 “(3) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—The Sec-
12 retary shall develop measures to evaluate the effec-
13 tiveness of activities conducted under this subsection
14 that are aimed at reducing disparities in access to
15 PrEP and PEP and supporting the local commu-
16 nity. Such measures shall evaluate community out-
17 reach activities, language services, workforce cultural
18 competence, and other areas as determined by the
19 Secretary.

20 “(b) PROVIDER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
22 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
23 Control and Prevention, the Administrator of the
24 Health Resources Services Administration, and the
25 Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy,

1 shall establish a provider campaign for the purpose
2 of educating prescribers and other associated health
3 professionals on medication for the prevention of
4 HIV acquisition.

5 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this
6 subsection, the Secretary shall increase awareness
7 and readiness among health care providers to offer
8 PrEP or PEP, as appropriate, with a focus on areas
9 of high-need communities in which PrEP or PEP is
10 underutilized by developing an educational campaign
11 with input from health care providers and organiza-
12 tions that are indigenous to communities that are
13 overrepresented in the domestic HIV epidemic, in-
14 cluding communities of color and the lesbian, gay,
15 bisexual, transgender, and queer community. The
16 Secretary shall ensure that the campaign is designed
17 to increase awareness of the safety and effectiveness
18 of PrEP and PEP, the recommended clinical prac-
19 tices for providing PrEP-related and PEP-related
20 clinical care, cultural competency among PrEP and
21 PEP prescribers, and to counter stigma associated
22 with the use of PrEP and PEP.

23 “(3) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—The Sec-
24 retary shall develop measures to evaluate the effec-
25 tiveness of activities conducted under this subsection

1 that are aimed at increasing the number of health
2 care professionals offering PrEP and PEP and re-
3 ducing disparities in access to PrEP and PEP. Such
4 measures shall evaluate availability of PrEP and
5 PEP services, education and outreach activities, lan-
6 guage services, workforce cultural competence, and
7 other areas as determined by the Secretary.

8 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and section
9 399V–9—

10 “(1) the term ‘PEP’ means any drug or com-
11 bination of drugs approved by the Food and Drug
12 Administration for preventing HIV transmission
13 after a sexual or other exposure associated with a
14 high risk of HIV transmission; and

15 “(2) the term ‘PrEP’ means any drug approved
16 by the Food and Drug Administration for the pur-
17 pose of pre-exposure prophylaxis with respect to
18 HIV.

19 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
20 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
21 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
22 years 2024 through 2029.”.

23 **SEC. 6. PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY.**

24 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
25 amend the regulations promulgated under section 264(c)

1 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
2 Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note), as necessary, to
3 ensure that individuals are able to access the benefits de-
4 scribed in section 2713(a)(6) under a family plan without
5 any other individual enrolled in such family plan, including
6 a primary subscriber of or policyholder, being informed of
7 such use of such benefits.

8 **SEC. 7. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS AND POST-EXPO-**
9 **SURE PROPHYLAXIS FUNDING.**

10 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.), as amended by section 5, is fur-
12 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 399V-9. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS AND POST-EX-**
14 **POSURE PROPHYLAXIS FUNDING.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
16 date of the enactment of the PrEP Access and Coverage
17 Act, the Secretary shall establish a program that awards
18 grants to States, territories, Indian Tribes, and directly
19 eligible entities for the establishment and support of pre-
20 exposure prophylaxis (referred to in this section as
21 ‘PrEP’) and post-exposure prophylaxis (referred to in this
22 section as ‘PEP’) programs.

23 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
24 grant under subsection (a), a State, territory, Indian
25 Tribe, or directly eligible entity shall—

1 “(1) submit an application to the Secretary at
2 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
3 formation as the Secretary may require, including a
4 plan describing how any funds awarded will be used
5 to increase access to PrEP for uninsured and under-
6 insured individuals and reduce disparities in access
7 to PrEP and PEP for uninsured and underinsured
8 individuals and reduce disparities in access to PrEP
9 and PEP; and

10 “(2) appoint a PrEP and PEP grant adminis-
11 trator to manage the program.

12 “(c) DIRECTLY ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of
13 this section, the term ‘directly eligible entity’—

14 “(1) means a Federally qualified health center
15 or other nonprofit entity engaged in providing PrEP
16 and PEP information and services; and

17 “(2) may include—

18 “(A) a Federally qualified health center
19 (as defined in section 1861(aa)(4) of the Social
20 Security Act);

21 “(B) a family planning grantee (other than
22 States) funded under section 1001;

23 “(C) a rural health clinic (as defined in
24 section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act);

1 “(D) a health facility operated by or pur-
2 suant to a contract with the Indian Health
3 Service;

4 “(E) a community-based organization, clin-
5 ic, hospital, or other health facility that pro-
6 vides services to individuals at risk for or living
7 with HIV; and

8 “(F) a nonprofit private entity providing
9 comprehensive primary care to populations at
10 risk of HIV, including faith-based and commu-
11 nity-based organizations.

12 “(d) AWARDS.—In determining whether to award a
13 grant, and the grant amount for each grant awarded, the
14 Secretary shall consider the grant application and the
15 need for PrEP and PEP services in the area, the number
16 of uninsured and underinsured individuals in the area, and
17 how the State, territory, or Indian Tribe coordinates
18 PrEP and PEP activities with the directly funded entity,
19 if the State, territory, or Indian Tribe applies for the
20 funds.

21 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any State, territory, Indian
23 Tribe, or directly eligible entity that is awarded
24 funds under subsection (a) shall use such funds for
25 eligible PrEP and PEP expenses.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE PREP EXPENSES.—The Sec-
2 retary shall publish a list of expenses that qualify as
3 eligible PrEP and PEP expenses for purposes of this
4 section, which shall include—

5 “(A) any prescription drug approved by
6 the Food and Drug Administration for the pre-
7 vention of HIV, administrative fees for such
8 drugs, laboratory and other diagnostic proce-
9 dures associated with the use of such drugs,
10 and clinical follow-up and monitoring, including
11 any related services recommended in current
12 United States Public Health Service clinical
13 practice guidelines, without limitation;

14 “(B) outreach and public education activi-
15 ties directed toward populations overrepresented
16 in the domestic HIV epidemic that increase
17 awareness about the existence of PrEP and
18 PEP, provide education about access to and
19 health care coverage of PrEP and PEP, PrEP
20 and PEP adherence programs, and counter
21 stigma associated with the use of PrEP and
22 PEP;

23 “(C) outreach activities directed toward
24 physicians and other providers that provide
25 education about PrEP and PEP; and

1 “(D) adherence services and counseling, in-
2 cluding personnel costs for PrEP navigators to
3 retain patients in care.

4 “(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall, in
5 each of the first 5 years beginning one year after the date
6 of the enactment of the PrEP Access and Coverage Act
7 of 2023, submit to Congress, and make public on the
8 internet website of Department of Health and Human
9 Services, a report on the impact of any grants provided
10 to States, territories, Indian Tribes, and directly eligible
11 entities for the establishment and support of pre-exposure
12 prophylaxis programs under this section.

13 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
14 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
15 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
16 years 2024 through 2029.”.

17 **SEC. 8. CLARIFICATION.**

18 This Act, including the amendments made by this
19 Act, shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of
20 law, including Public Law 103–141.

21 **SEC. 9. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.**

22 Any person aggrieved by a violation of this Act, in-
23 cluding the amendments made by this Act, may commence
24 a civil action in an appropriate United States District
25 Court or other court of competent jurisdiction to obtain

1 relief as allowed by law as either an individual or member
2 of a class. If the plaintiff is the prevailing party in such
3 an action, the court shall order the defendant to pay the
4 costs and reasonable attorney fees of the plaintiff.

5 **SEC. 10. ENFORCEMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services, in consultation with the Centers for Dis-
8 ease Control and Prevention, shall—

9 (1) issue guidance regarding the implementa-
10 tion of the coverage requirements established under
11 this Act, including the amendments made by this
12 Act, including with respect to implementation of
13 such coverage requirements;

14 (2) develop and disseminate educational mate-
15 rials, including billing and coding documents;

16 (3) provide technical assistance to State insur-
17 ance commissioners;

18 (4) provide technical assistance to eligible enti-
19 ties for regarding responding to consumer com-
20 plaints and assisting in resolving such complaints;
21 and

22 (5) work with other Federal agencies to assist
23 in enforcement and compliance.

24 (b) COMPLIANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, and the
3 Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the
4 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
5 vention, shall monitor compliance by group health
6 plans and health insurance issuers with coverage re-
7 quirements established under title XXVII of the
8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg et seq.),
9 as amended by section 3) and shall take appropriate
10 enforcement actions under the Public Health Service
11 Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
12 of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

13 (2) INSURER SUBMISSIONS TO THE SEC-
14 RETARY.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the
15 date of enactment of this Act, each group health
16 plan and health insurance issuer offering group or
17 individual health insurance coverage shall submit to
18 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, at
19 such time as such secretary, in coordination with the
20 Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of the Treas-
21 ury, shall require, but not less frequently than annu-
22 ally for the 10-year period beginning on such date
23 of enactment, data demonstrating compliance with
24 the coverage requirements described in paragraph
25 (1), including aggregate data on the number of

1 claims received by such plans and issuers for HIV
2 prevention services and the cost-sharing for enrollees
3 with respect to such claims.

4 (3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2
5 years after the enactment of this Act and every 2
6 years thereafter for the 10-year period beginning on
7 such date of enactment, the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, and the
9 Secretary of the Treasury (collectively referred to in
10 this section as the “Secretaries”) shall jointly submit
11 to Congress and make publicly available a report to
12 assess the prevalence of noncompliance with the cov-
13 erage requirements described in paragraph (1). Each
14 such report shall include—

15 (A) aggregate information about group
16 health plans and health insurance issuers that
17 the Secretaries determine to be out of compli-
18 ance with such requirements; and

19 (B) steps the Secretaries have taken to ad-
20 dress incidences of such noncompliance.

21 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the
22 terms “group health plan”, “health insurance cov-
23 erage”, and “health insurance issuer” have the

1 meanings given such terms in section 2729 of the
2 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-91).

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