

**AIDS Project of Southern Vermont
American Association of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter
HIV/HCV Resource Center
Office of the Health Care Advocate
Planned Parenthood of Northern New England
Vermont Affiliate of the American Association of Nurse Midwives
Vermont Association of Family Practitioners
Vermont CARES
Vermont Medical Society
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Vermont Nurse Practitioners Association
Vermont Pharmacists Association**

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Dear Senate Health and Welfare Committee –

The above-listed organizations come together in support of the amendment to ensure that Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) continue to be accessible to all Vermonters who need them.

PrEP and PEP are both highly effective, evidence-based HIV prevention medications which reduces the risk of HIV/AIDS.

Access to HIV prevention medications is a proven public health strategy that also delivers significant cost savings. Preventing one HIV infection ***can save the healthcare system approximately \$554,000 in lifetime medical expenses.***

Immediate state action is needed! The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services has the authority to reject preventive care recommendations, putting future coverage at risk. Barriers such as cost sharing, prior authorization, and limited prescribing access will delay or prevent care for people at risk of HIV.

Thank you!