

HEPATITIS C OUTREACH PILOT PROGRAM

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program within the Department of Health.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program;
- requires the department to make grants to Hepatitis C outreach organizations; and
- specifies how grant funds may be used.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:

- to the Department of Health – Disease Control and Prevention, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, One-time, \$300,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 67, 136, 246, 289, 455 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

ENACTS:

26-7-10, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-7-10** is enacted to read:

26-7-10. Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program.

(1) As used in this section, "Hepatitis C outreach organization" means a private nonprofit organization that:

(a) has an established relationship with individuals who are at risk of acquiring acute Hepatitis C;

(b) helps individuals who need Hepatitis C treatment, but who do not qualify for payment of the treatment by the Medicaid program or another health insurer, to obtain treatment;

(c) has the infrastructure necessary for conducting Hepatitis C assessment, testing, and diagnosis, including clinical staff with the training and ability to provide:

(i) specimen collection for Hepatitis C testing;

(ii) clinical assessments;

(iii) consultation regarding blood-borne diseases; and

(iv) case management services for patient support during Hepatitis C treatment; or

(d) has a partnership with a health care facility that can provide clinical follow-up and medical treatment following Hepatitis C rapid antibody testing and confirmatory testing.

(2) There is created within the department the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program.

(3) Before September 1, 2020, the department shall, as funding permits, make grants to Hepatitis C outreach organizations in accordance with criteria established by the department under Subsection (4).

(4) Before July 1, 2020, the department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

(a) create application requirements for a grant from the program;

(b) establish criteria for determining:

(i) whether a grant is awarded, including criteria that ensure grants are awarded to areas

of the state, including rural areas, that would benefit most from the grant; and

(ii) the amount of a grant; and

(c) specify reporting requirements for the recipient of a grant under this section.

(5) Before October 1, 2021, and before October 1 every year thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee on the outcomes of the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program.

Section 2. Section **63I-1-226** is amended to read:

63I-1-226. Repeal dates, Title 26.

(1) Section **26-1-40** is repealed July 1, 2022.

(2) Subsection **26-7-10(5)**, regarding reports to the Legislature, is repealed July 1, 2028.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed July 1, 2025.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) Section **26-10-11** is repealed July 1, 2020.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) Subsection **26-18-417(3)** is repealed July 1, 2020.

~~[(5)]~~ (6) Subsection **26-18-418(2)**, the language that states "and the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission created in Section **63C-18-202**" is repealed July 1, 2023.

~~[(6) Section 26-18-419.1 is repealed December 31, 2019:]~~

(7) Title 26, Chapter 33a, Utah Health Data Authority Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(8) Title 26, Chapter 36b, Inpatient Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(9) Title 26, Chapter 36c, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(10) Title 26, Chapter 36d, Hospital Provider Assessment Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(11) Title 26, Chapter 54, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund and Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund, is repealed January 1, 2023.

(12) Subsection **26-61a-108(2)(e)(i)**, related to the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee, is repealed July 1, 2022.

(13) Title 26, Chapter 63, Nurse Home Visiting Pay-for-Success Program, is repealed
July 1, 2026.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1

To Department of Health -- Disease Control and Prevention -- Hepatitis C Pilot Program:

From General Fund, One-time

\$300,000

Schedule of Programs:

Hepatitis C Pilot Program

\$300,000

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health use appropriations provided under this item to provide grants under Section [26-7-10](#) for the prevention, testing, and treatment of Hepatitis C.