

Feigenholtz Passes HIV/AIDS Measure

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State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, recently passed a measure clarifying existing legislation regarding the new Illinois Cares Rx prescription drug assistance program.

Until now, the law provided coverage (payment of premiums and other individual cost-sharing) for persons with HIV/AIDS whose special prescription drugs were not being covered under the AIDS Drug House Bill 1257, which Feigenholtz Assistance Program (ADAP) . sponsored, adds full or “wraparound” coverage for persons with HIV/AIDS who are over 65 years old or otherwise eligible for the federal Medicare Part D program.

ADAP, administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, serves over 3,000 residents with HIV/AIDS monthly by making prescription drugs affordable. These individuals must meet a set of standards regarding income levels and insurance coverage.

“I believe this [law] makes eligibility standards more sensible and well-defined, which is what Illinois residents expect from their state government,” Feigenholtz said in a statement. “The drug assistance programs are helping a lot of people who need it and I’m confident this clarification to the law will allow Illinoisans to continue getting the most out of the ADAP program.”