

**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



28 ENACTS:

29 26-7-10, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

33 **26-7-10. Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program.**

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

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

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

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

43 (i) specimen collection for Hepatitis C testing;

44 (ii) clinical assessments;

45 (iii) consultation regarding blood-borne diseases; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

56 (b) establish criteria for determining:

57 (i) whether a grant is awarded, including criteria that ensure grants are awarded to areas  
58 of the state, including rural areas, that would benefit most from the grant; and

59 (ii) the amount of a grant; and  
 60 (c) specify reporting requirements for the recipient of a grant under this section.  
 61 (5) Before October 1, 2021, and before October 1 every year thereafter, the department  
 62 shall submit a report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the Social  
 63 Services Appropriations Subcommittee on the outcomes of the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot  
 64 Program.

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

66 **63I-1-226. Repeal dates, Title 26.**

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

68 (2) Subsection ~~26-7-10(5)~~, regarding reports to the Legislature, is repealed July 1,  
 69 2028.

70 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Title 26, Chapter 9f, Utah Digital Health Service Commission Act, is repealed  
 71 July 1, 2025.

72 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Section ~~26-10-11~~ is repealed July 1, 2020.

73 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Subsection ~~26-18-417(3)~~ is repealed July 1, 2020.

74 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Subsection ~~26-18-418(2)~~, the language that states "and the Mental Health  
 75 Crisis Line Commission created in Section ~~63C-18-202~~" is repealed July 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

88 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

89 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

90 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
91 fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
92 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
93 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

94 ITEM 1

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

97 From General Fund, One-time \$300,000

98 Schedule of Programs:

99 Hepatitis C Pilot Program \$300,000

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