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An act to add Chapter 6.2 (commencing with Section 120973) to Part 4 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to communicable diseases.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6.2 (commencing with Section 120973) is added to Part 4 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6.2. HIV CARE PROGRAM

120973. The following definitions apply for purposes of this chapter:

(a) "ADAP" means the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

(b) (1) "HIV Care Program" means the CARE Services Program referenced in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 131051. Any reference to the CARE Services Program is deemed a reference to the HIV Care Program.

(c) The HIV Care Program provides primary medical care and support services pursuant to the federal Ryan White CARE Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300ff, and is administered by the Office of Aids in the State Department of Public Health in accordance with Sections 131019 and 131051.

120973.5 The State Department of Public Health shall apply the same financial eligibility requirements for the purposes of administering the HIV Care Program as those set forth for the ADAP in Section 120960.

120974. This chapter shall become operative on April 1, 2020.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: HIV Care Program: financial eligibility requirements.

Existing law establishes the Office of AIDS in the State Department of Public Health as the lead agency within the state responsible for coordinating state programs, services, and activities relating to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), and AIDS related conditions (ARC), including the CARE Services Program and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Existing law, to the extent that state and federal funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act for these purposes, authorizes the Director of Public Health to administer the ADAP to provide drug treatments to persons infected with HIV and AIDS, and to establish uniform standards of financial eligibility for the drugs under the program, in accordance with applicable federal law.

This bill would rename the CARE Services Program the HIV Care Program. The bill would, commencing April 1, 2020, require the State Department of Public Health to apply the same financial eligibility requirements for the purposes of administering the HIV Care Program as those set forth for the ADAP.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

