

House File 490 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to inmates diagnosed with hepatitis C, including
2 referral of such inmates for coverage under the medical
3 assistance program upon release.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2506HH 83
6 pf/nh/14

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 904.515A INMATES DIAGNOSED WITH
1 2 HEPATITIS C == COUNSELING == DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
1 3 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
1 4 1. The department shall develop, in cooperation with the
1 5 department of public health, a protocol to provide counseling
1 6 to inmates with hepatitis C regarding the management and
1 7 methods to reduce the transmission of hepatitis C.
1 8 2. The department shall develop, in cooperation with the
1 9 department of human services, a process to determine the
1 10 eligibility of individuals for medical assistance who have
1 11 been committed to institutions or facilities under the control
1 12 of the department of corrections and who have been diagnosed
1 13 with hepatitis C, prior to release of the individual from the
1 14 institution or facility.

1 15 EXPLANATION
1 16 This bill directs the department of corrections to develop
1 17 a protocol, in cooperation with the department of public
1 18 health, to provide counseling to inmates with hepatitis C
1 19 regarding management and methods to reduce the transmission of
1 20 hepatitis C. The bill also directs the department of
1 21 corrections to develop, in cooperation with the department of
1 22 human services, a process to determine the eligibility of an
1 23 inmate who has been diagnosed with hepatitis C for medical
1 24 assistance, prior to release of the inmate.
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