

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

EUGENE SAWYER



EXECUTIVE ORDER 89-1

WHEREAS, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV") is the virus that may ultimately result in Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ("AIDS"); and

WHEREAS, HIV-related conditions, as defined in this order, may result in medical consequences which impair a person's health and ability to work safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, HIV-related conditions may not necessarily result in an employee's inability to perform job duties; and

WHEREAS, persons with HIV-related conditions may wish to continue to engage in as many of their normal activities, including work, as their condition allows; and

WHEREAS, current medical research indicates no medical basis for refusing, or threatening to refuse, to hire, train or work with a person with an HIV-related condition; and

WHEREAS, HIV-related conditions constitute a disability as defined in Chicago's Human Rights Ordinance, Chapter 199 of the Municipal Code of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Chicago, contained in its Human Rights Ordinance and in its Personnel Code, Chapter 25.1 of the Municipal Code, to prohibit and prevent discrimination in employment against any person due the person's real or perceived disabilities; and

WHEREAS, discrimination and prejudice against persons with HIV-related conditions can best be avoided by ongoing education, information and counseling services to managers, supervisors and personnel of the various departments and agencies of the City government concerning the nature and effect of HIV-related conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Personnel has the authority under Chapter 25.1 of the Municipal Code to foster programs for the improvement of employee effectiveness, and to promulgate rules for the enforcement and administration of the City's Personnel Code; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is authorized by Section 9-20 of the Municipal Code to publish information concerning matters of public health; now, therefore,

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I, EUGENE SAWYER, Mayor of the City of Chicago, Illinois, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Whenever used in this order, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "AIDS" means Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.
- (b) "ARC" means AIDS-Related Complex.
- (c) "HIV" means Human Immunodeficiency Virus, the virus that ultimately results in AIDS.
- (d) "HIV-related condition" means any of the following:
 AIDS; ARC; presence of AIDS antibody (indicating exposure to HIV)
 without symptoms of AIDS or ARC.
- (e) "Perception" or "perceived" includes both accurate and inaccurate perceptions.

SECTION 2. The Commissioner of the Department of Personnel shall conduct the following activities as part of a program of employee education concerning HIV-related conditions and the prohibition against discrimination based on non-job related disability:

(a) increase awareness throughout the City government of the Support Services for City employees and their families, currently available through the Employee Assistance Program in the Department of Personnel;

increase awareness of the availability of <u>Counseling</u>, currently available through the Benefits Management Office, to assist employees in managing health benefits, and of counseling available through the Department of Personnel concerning leaves

of absence;

- (c) prepare and promulgate an amendment to the City's Personnel Rules concerning appropriate personnel administration relative to HIV-related conditions, including: a statement of the policy of the City of Chicago prohibiting discrimination based on perceived non-job related disabilities, including HIV-related conditions; and a statement of the responsibilities of department managers, supervisors and employees in dealing with workers and clients with perceived HIV-related conditions.
- SECTION 3. The Commissioner of the Department of Health shall conduct the following activities as part of a program of employee education concerning HIV-related conditions and the prohibition against discrimination based on non-job related disability:
- (a) increase awareness throughout the City government of the confidential HIV Antibody Testing Program, currently available through the AIDS activity Office of the Department of Health; notices of the availability of this service shall indicate that the testing is free of charge and done anonymously.
- the AIDS Hotline, currently available through the AIDS activity

 Office of the Department of Health; advertisement of the AIDS

 Hotline shall include the appropriate telephone numbers and a statement that calls may be made anonymously and will be handled confidentially.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Personnel and the Commissioner of the Department of Health, with the assistance of the Corporation Counsel, shall prepare a comprehensive educational program for use by supervisors and managers in the various departments concerning HIV-related conditions and appropriate personnel practices relating thereto.

SECTION 5. This order shall take effect upon its execution and delivery to the City Clerk for filing.

Lægen Druger Mayor

Dated: February 16, 1989

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