



MORE Medicaid Patients with Hepatitis C Will Now Have Access to Life-Saving Medicines



About 7,000 more patients will have access to medications that cure Hep C under HFS' new policy

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) announced a rule change on Nov. 5, 2018:

Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) therapy that cures Hepatitis C will now be covered for **ALL Illinois Medicaid patients**, regardless of the stage of liver damage based on the patient's Metavir score.¹

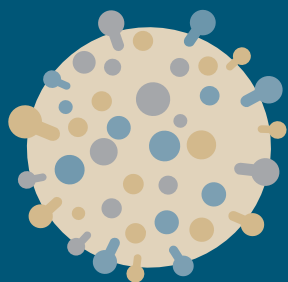
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Medicaid participants were covered to receive life-saving medications to treat Hep C only when:

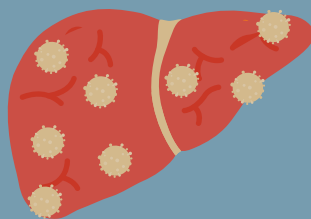
Patients were in the late stages of the disease with Stage 3 or Stage 4 liver scarring



Patients could prove sobriety



Hep C causes:



serious liver damage



liver cancer

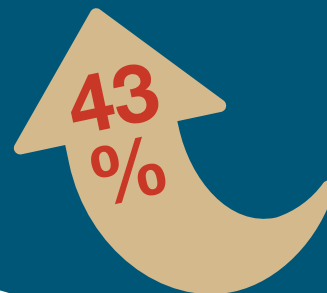
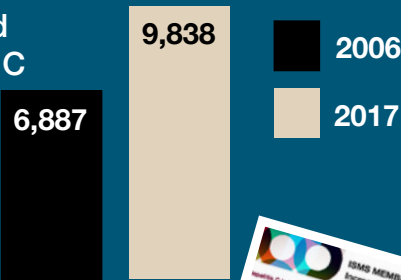


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Hep C cases are increasing amid Illinois' opioid addiction epidemic



NEW reported cases of Hep C in Illinois



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ISMS believes that Hepatitis C can be eliminated by the year 2030



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¹ A score used to evaluate the severity of fibrosis seen on a liver biopsy sample from a person who has Hepatitis C. Sources: Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Chicago Tribune, Health News Illinois, Dr. Hanak