

# Costs of Hepatitis C in Indiana

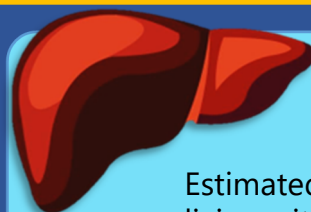
Hepatitis C is the most common blood-borne pathogen in the United States, killing more than 10,000 Americans<sup>1</sup> and leading to billions of dollars of health care costs every year.<sup>2</sup> In 2024 2,798 Hoosiers were newly reported with hepatitis C.

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of those living with hepatitis C are unaware of the diagnosis<sup>3</sup>

50%

or more of those infected become chronic carriers<sup>4</sup>



40,200

Estimated number of Hoosiers living with hepatitis C.<sup>5</sup>

**Treating only 50% of Hoosiers currently living with hepatitis C would lead to over \$1 billion in potential medical costs saved!**

Untreated, hepatitis C can lead to severe and costly forms of liver disease including: liver scarring (cirrhosis), liver cancer, and end-stage liver disease requiring transplant

20% of those living with chronic hepatitis C develop **cirrhosis** within 20 years<sup>6</sup>

**\$878,000** the average cost of a **liver transplant**<sup>7</sup>

Curative treatment through direct acting antivirals (DAAs), that is highly effective and well-tolerated, can dramatically reduce the risk of these complications, saving substantial money in total healthcare costs. Costs for these DAAs have dropped in recent years due to market competition, generic status, and manufacturer rebates.

1 pill a day for 8-12 weeks with national average price of 23-25K (for the two most common medications)<sup>2</sup>

95%

of those living with hepatitis C can be cured.<sup>4</sup>

**Saves \$57,000-199,500 per patient**

Estimated cumulative per-patient hepatitis C related savings following treatment.<sup>2</sup>

**(20,100 Hoosiers x \$57,000 per patient savings) assuming a 95% cure rate**

**\$1,088,415,000 in total estimated savings**



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