



HIGH-PRICED HEPATITIS C DRUGS: A BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET PROBLEM

California's 2016-17 approved budget allocates nearly \$1 Billion (\$933 million) to cover the cost of Hepatitis C treatments in Medi-Cal Managed Care. Fueled by expensive medications that can cost more than \$1,000 per pill, rising prescription drug costs strain the state budget and direct funds away from other priorities.

**\$1 BILLION
FOR**



**Hep C
Treatment
in Medi-Cal
Managed Care**



SAME AMOUNT AS...

**New funds for preschool,
child care, and affordable
housing combined.**



**Funds raised by newly
enacted bipartisan Managed
Care Organization (MCO) Tax.**



**Full cost of tuition, books,
housing and health care
for ~30,000 UC students.**

The \$1 billion figure does not include the cost of Hepatitis C treatments in other taxpayer-funded health programs such as CalPERS, Medi-Cal fee-for-service, or prisons.



**WE NEED
TO PEEL
BACK THE
LAYERS**

This drug is the poster child for showing how just one drug busts budgets and leaves taxpayers holding the bag. Instead of dedicating state resources to fixing our roads, expanding affordable housing, or fully restoring child care cuts, taxpayers and lawmakers are just supposed to roll over and pay these sky high prices without any notion of transparency.

For more information, please go to www.calhealthplans.org or www.runawayrx.org.

