



## World Hepatitis Day, Friday July 28<sup>th</sup>

### LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION:

**Governor Baker vetoed \$2.5 million in recommended funding for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C in the Department of Public Health Line-item 4512-0103.**

This cut pulls crucial funding away from the service providers who combat Hepatitis C—the most deadly infectious disease currently facing our state. More people than ever are currently being connected to life saving syringe exchange services and Hepatitis C treatment— but these agencies cannot sustain ANY reduction to their already limited operating budget.

#### **Take action now!**

**In recognition of World Hepatitis Day, call or email your legislators to override Governor Baker's veto, and restore \$2.5 million in funding to line item 4512-0103.**

A 2/3 vote in the House and Senate are needed to override the Governor's veto.

#### **Find your legislator:**

<https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

#### **What to say (copy text if emailing):**

Dear [legislator],

Thank you for your commitment to safeguarding the public health of Massachusetts. As your constituent, I urge you to override Governor Baker's veto of line item 4512-0103, which would cut \$2.5 million in state funds for Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS programs and services.

With over 100,000 people living with Hepatitis C in Massachusetts, it is important we remain on the forefront of this epidemic. Restoration of funding will improve disease surveillance, decrease overall health spending, and most importantly save lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[your name, address, zip code, email address]