

JJ&RA - SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER
Hepatitis C Treatment for SCC Residents



2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

ML Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
GF-State	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$1,700,000
Total	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$1,700,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration (JJRA) requests funding to provide medical treatment for residents at the Special Commitment Center (SCC) who have Hepatitis C (Hep C). By funding this request, the SCC will be able to provide the on-going medical treatment necessary for new individuals identified as having Hep C.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

In the 2014 Supplemental Budget, SCC received funding to provide treatment for 18 residents diagnosed with Hep C. This funding was not carried-forward into the 2015-2017 Biennium.

The SCC estimates five residents each year will be newly diagnosed with Hep C and require medical treatment. The treatment of Hep C is extremely expensive and available treatments are continually being updated and improved. Future treatments are expected to improve on tolerability and efficacy and to increase costs. The Food and Drug Administration has recently approved two new antiviral drugs, which the medical specialists have already recommended for the SCC residents.

If this request is funded, the SCC will be able to provide the medically necessary treatment and reduce the long-term risks and costs of not treating this debilitating disease. By funding this request and providing the recommended treatment, SCC will enhance the lives of affected individuals.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

By providing the medically recognized treatment for these patients, we can expect to see a sustained viral response from the residents. The current medication regime is Sovaldi which costs \$120,000 to \$160,000 per resident. This does



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not include the additional \$10,000 per resident for the pre-screening treatment. This medication is easier for the patient to tolerate and is the recommended treatment.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The budget request supports DSHS Goal 1: Health – Each individual and community will be healthy and DSHS Goal 4: Quality of Life – Each individual in need will be supported to attain the highest possible quality of life. Residents who are detained as sexually violent predators are done so under the civil commitment laws. Their care is entrusted to the state of Washington. To provide medically necessary treatment to this group of individuals is necessary to ensure that they are able to function at the highest quality of life available to them. Failure to provide this treatment does not offer them the opportunity to fully reach their potential through the rehabilitation process.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Stakeholders in support of this allocation of funds will be the residents and their families.



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