Miracle Medicines: Are Patients Losing Access to Life-Saving Therapies?

New medicines save lives, benefitting patients, the healthcare system and our overall economy. The development of HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy) transformed HIV/AIDS. Unfortunately, these gains can be reversed by policies that restrict patient access.

Better Medicines Benefit Society

**HAART Has Saved Tens of Thousands of Lives**

In 1990, HIV/AIDS was the 7th leading cause of death: by 2010, it fell to 23rd

**Death Rate ↓ 85%**

In 1995, the death rate was 16.2 per 100,000
2.6 per 100,000 in 2010

**More than 860,000 premature deaths avoided**

**Adverse Tiering on the Rise**

Between 2014-15, the number of HIV/AIDS drugs placed in specialty tiers increased from 20% to 30%³

**Insurers Are Shifting Costs to Patients, Limiting Access to Care**

The number of ACA Exchange Plans charging patients coinsurance rates of more than 30 percent for specialty medications is on the rise³

| Silver | 27% | 41% |
| Bronze | 30% | 52% |
| Platinum | 17% | 26% |

**The New York Times**

Group Sues Aetna, Claiming Discrimination Against H.I.V. Patients

By KATIE THOMAS

...The company’s new policy, which takes effect Jan. 1 and applies to people who have purchased individual coverage, also raises the out-of-pocket amount that patients must pay for their treatments, potentially doubling it in some cases...


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