## Hepatitis C Treatment for People Living with HIV (PLWH)

Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). HCV is spread when blood from a person with HCV enters the bloodstream of someone who is not infected. Most people with HCV develop a chronic, lifelong infection that can cause serious health problems, but it can be cured with medication.



Hepatitis C can damage the liver through chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, and liver cancer.

21% of PLWH are co-diagnosed with hepatitis C



Among PLWH who also inject drugs, between 62-80% have HCV





Patients with an untreated co-diagnosis have higher rates of liver disease, organ dysfunction, and mortality.

## **HCV Treatment Options among PWLH**

Wisconsin Medicaid (BadgerCare Plus) <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/index.htm</a>

- No sobriety requirements
- No prior authorization requirements
- Treatment considered at all levels of disease severity

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Formulary

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02760.pdf

Complete coverage for HCV medications



A provider can find the right combination of anti-retroviral (ART) and HCV medications to ensure both conditions are being managed simultaneously.

