

Gilead faces lawsuit over hepatitis C drug pricing

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Philadelphia's Transportation Authority has filed a lawsuit against Gilead Sciences Inc. over the pricing of its hepatitis C drug.

Sovaldi is a highly effective pill treatment for the most common form of hepatitis C without the injections and unpleasant side effects of earlier treatments.

Gilead has been selling a 12-week treatment of Sovaldi in the United States for approximately \$84,000, or \$1,000 per pill. That has raised complaints by insurers, politicians and patient advocates, particularly because millions of Americans could benefit from the drug.

The complaint was filed in [federal court](#). It says Sovaldi's cost prohibits many patients from getting treatment and accuses Gilead of "unjust enrichment" that violates [antitrust law](#).

The Foster City, California, company could not be reached immediately for a comment Wednesday.

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