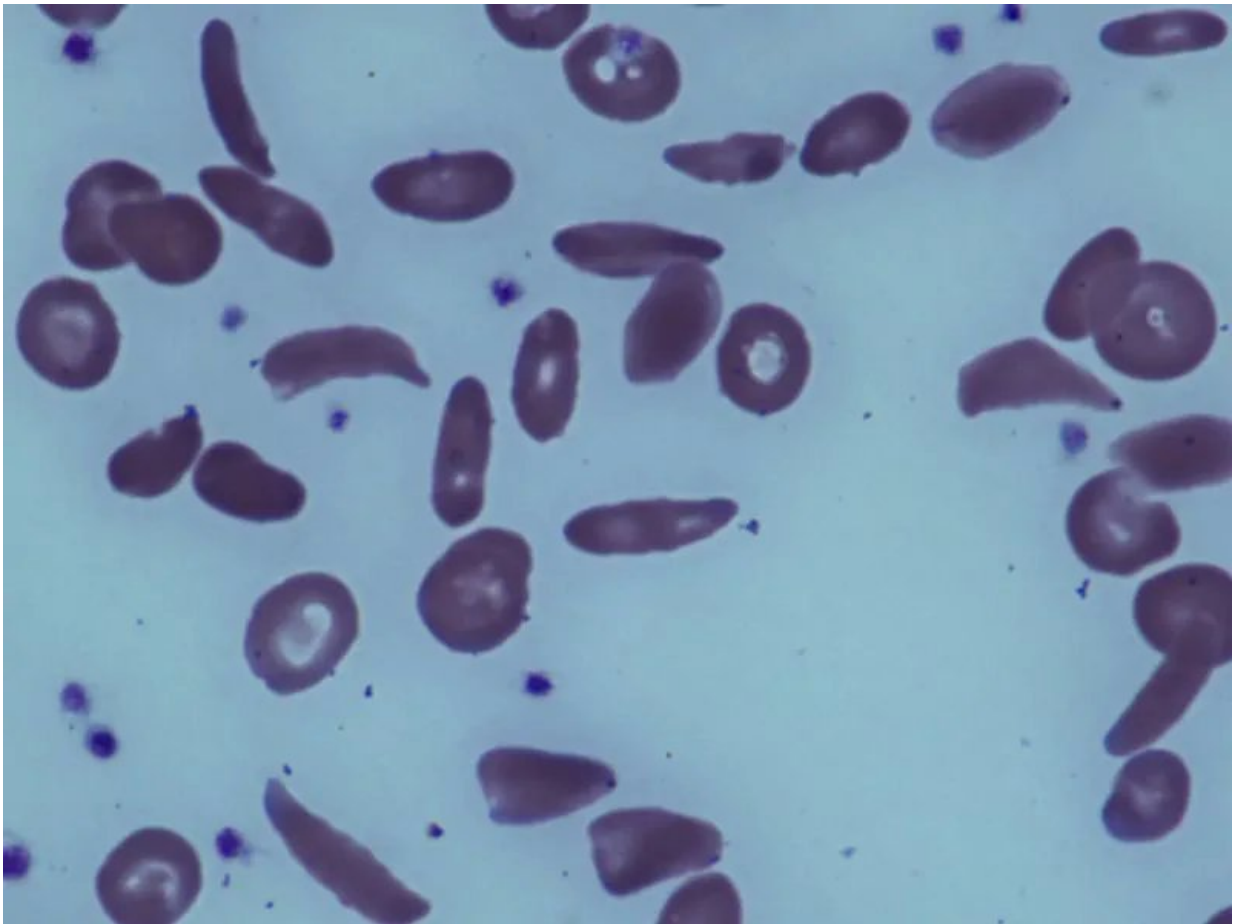


# New law boosts fight against sickle cell disease

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(HealthDay)—A sickle cell disease prevention and treatment program in

the United States has been reauthorized to receive nearly \$5 million each year over the next five years.

The measure was included in a bipartisan bill that aims to combat the disease and became law Tuesday night. One of the bill's authors was Senator Cory Booker, D-N.J.

"Even though [sickle cell disease](#) is the most common inherited blood disorder in our country, research and treatment lags behind that of other [chronic illnesses](#)," Booker said in a statement, *NBC News* reported. "Our legislation will help find new ways to improve the lives of people suffering from sickle cell disease. It's time we start treating sickle cell disease as a serious and debilitating illness and allocate adequate resources to monitoring, researching, and treating it."

This year, the National Institutes of Health received about \$115 million for research into the disease, \$6 million more than in 2017, *NBC News* reported.

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