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## Ohio hospital to pay for HIV-based bias

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WASHINGTON - Glenbeigh Hospital in Rock Creek, Ohio, must pay \$32,500 plus \$5,000 in civil penalties to an unidentified man who sued the hospital for unlawfully refusing to admit him to an alcohol treatment program because of side effects of his HIV medication, the Justice Department announced last week.

The department found that Glenbeigh could not show that treating the man would have threatened his health or the health and safety of others. The settlement resolves allegations from the man that Glenbeigh violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Department said this is the fourth settlement it has reached in six weeks addressing HIV discrimination by a medical provider.

Glenbeigh must also train its staff on the Americans with Disabilities Act and develop and implement an anti-discrimination policy.

Ensuring access to medical care for people with HIV requires that those in the medical field make medical decisions that are not based on fears or stereotypes, said Thomas Perez, assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

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