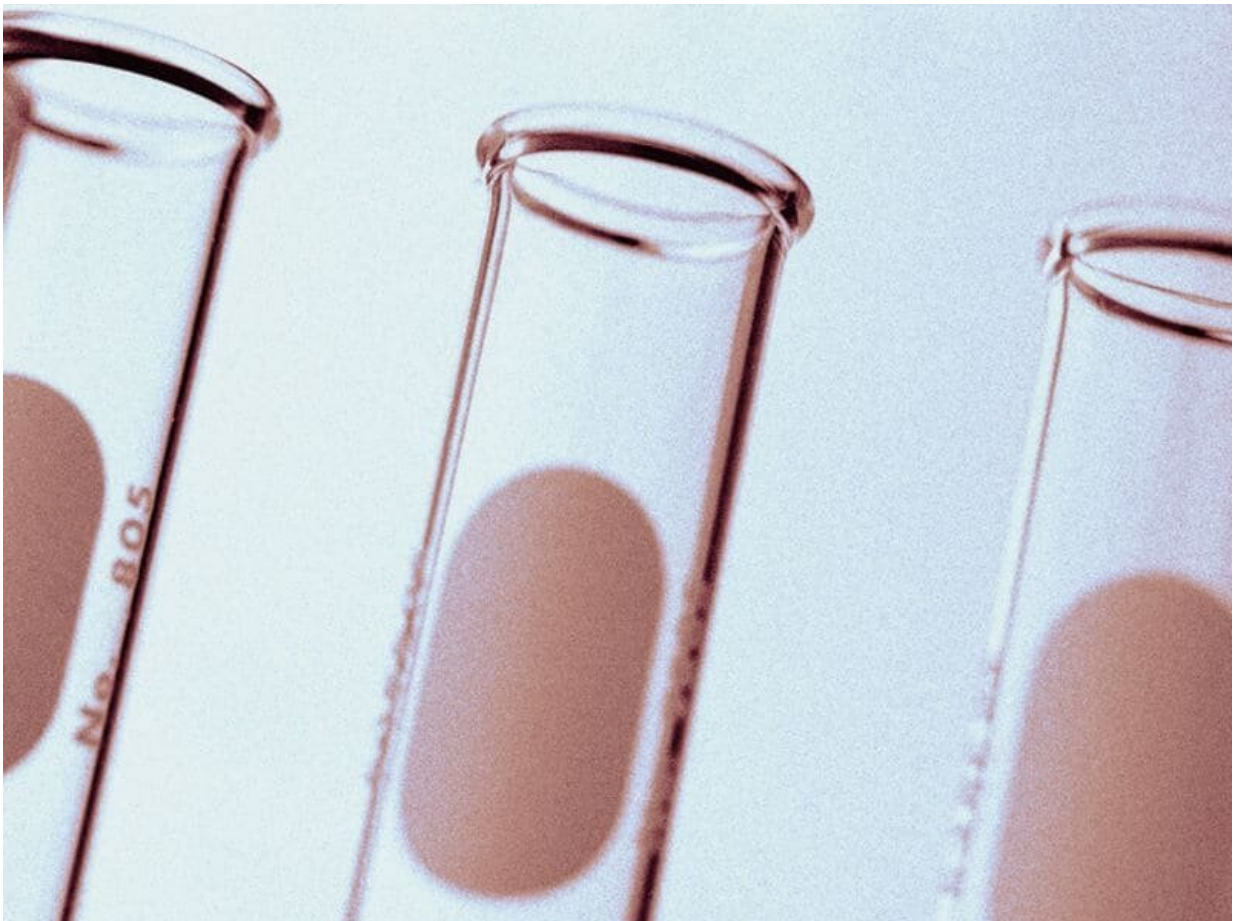


Medicare to cover CAR-T therapy for leukemia, lymphoma

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A breakthrough gene therapy will be covered for certain types of

lymphoma and leukemia, Medicare says.

Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) [therapy](#) boosts a patient's own immune cells to fight cancer and can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, the *Associated Press* reported.

Studies have shown that CAR-T is effective against certain types of cancers, but can cause severe side effects. The use of the gene therapy to treat certain types of [leukemia](#) and lymphoma is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Medicare considered the matter for months before it announced its decision on Wednesday. The agency's policies on coverage can influence private insurance, the *AP* reported.

More information: [AP News Article](#)

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