

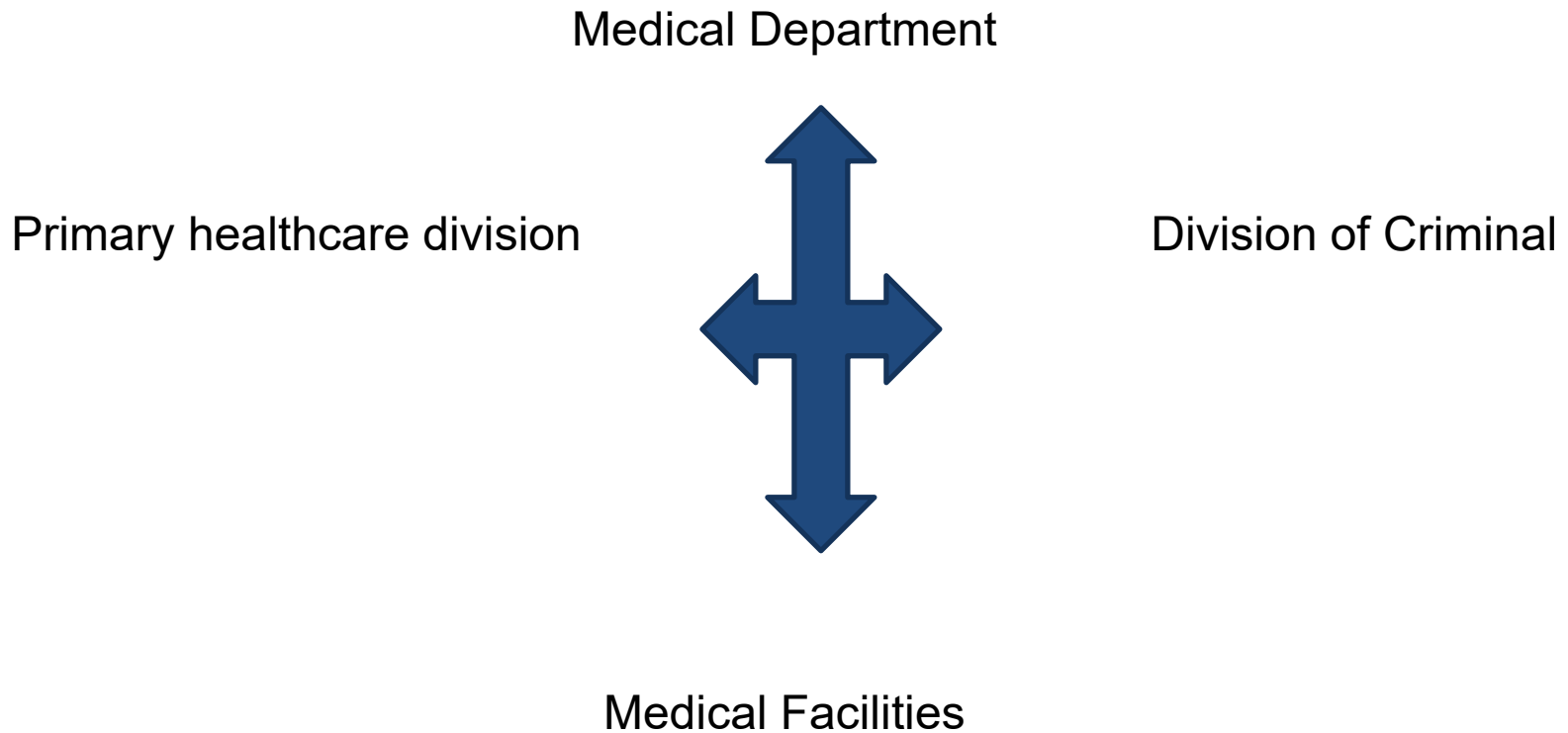
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEPATITIS C
ELIMINATION STATE PROGRAM IN THE
PENITENTIARY SYSTEM**

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Health system in correctional facilities



Implementation of healthcare programs in corrections system

- Early detection of diseases and screening;
- Immunization;
- Diabetes management;
- National HIV/AIDS program;
- National Tuberculosis program;
- Treatment of drug addiction;
- National hepatitis C elimination program



National Hepatitis C program

31.01.2014 N01-5/N-№12 joint order



Hepatitis C patients treated with the combination of Pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin

Treatment eligibility criteria for HCV-infected prisoners:

1. Confirmed diagnosis of hepatitis C
2. Liver fibrosis stage \geq F2 by Metavir
3. Imprisonment and the actual sentence exceeds 18 months, excluding the additional sentence to the crime committed after the program's inception.

National Hepatitis C Elimination Program

As of September, 2019

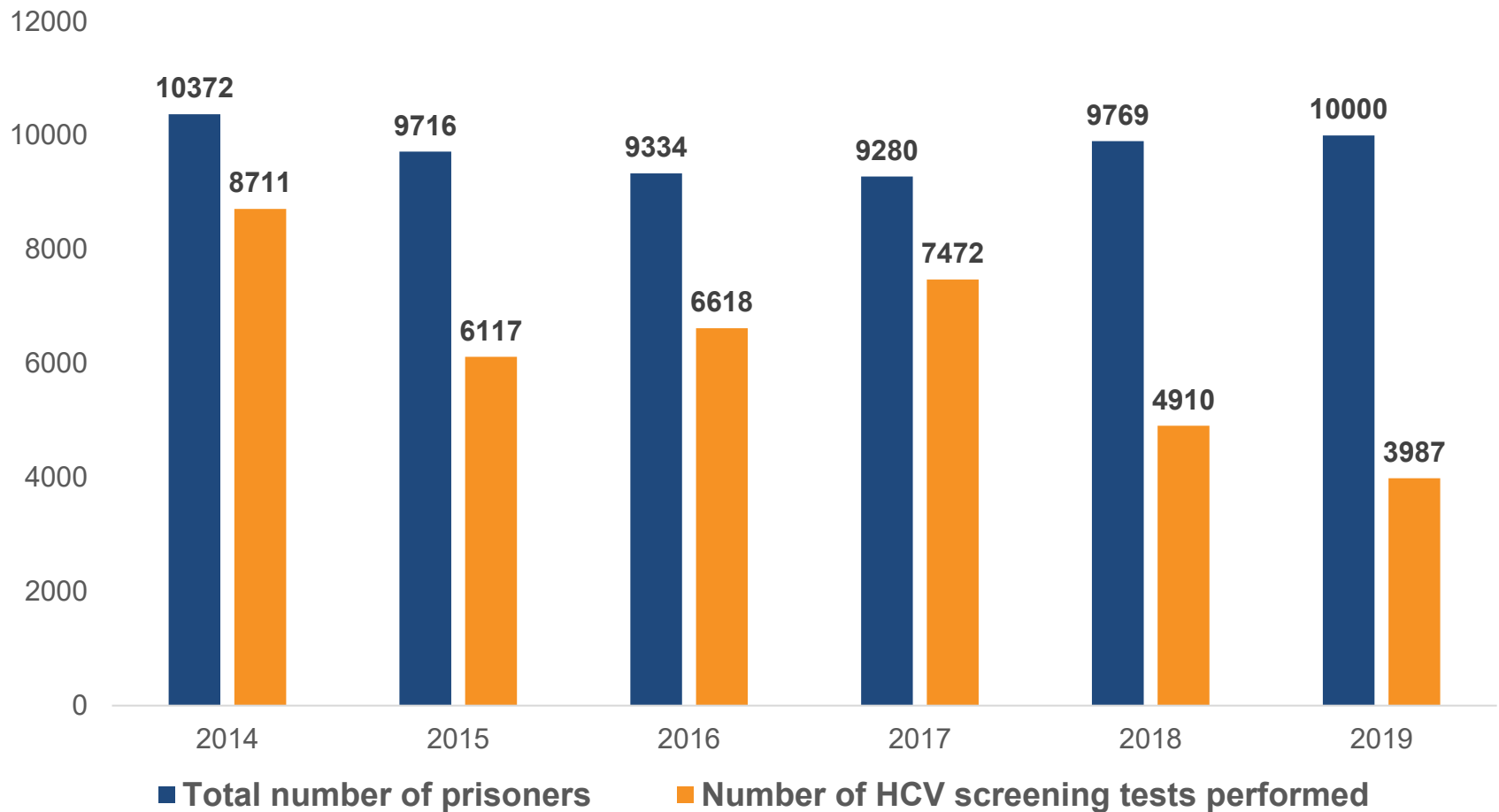


HCV-infected prisoners are treated with Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir and/or Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir-based regimens with or without Ribavirin (according to HCV genotype)

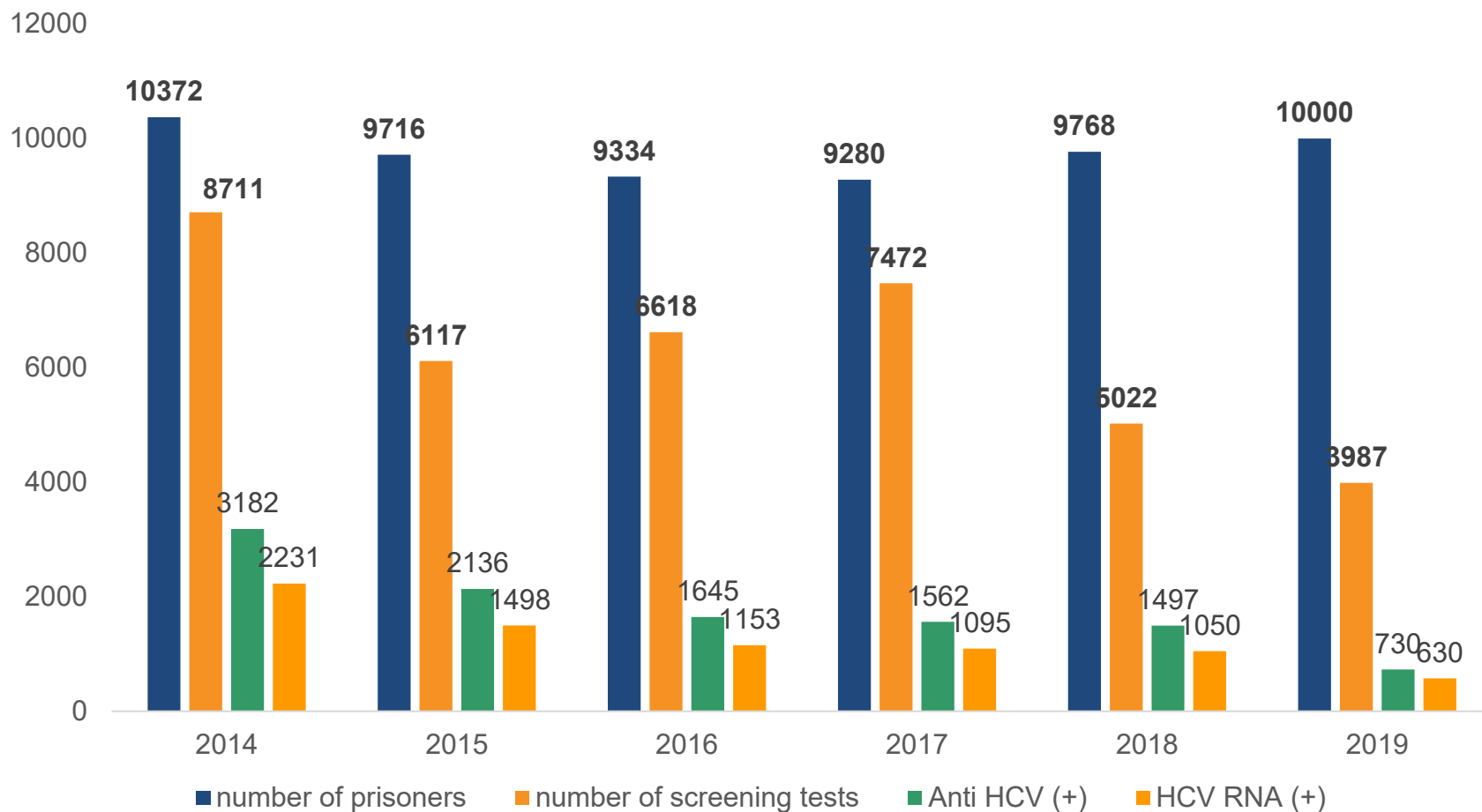
Beneficiaries of the program: Prisoners (regardless of possessing Georgian citizen ID card) in correctional facilities

Treatment enrollment procedures for HCV-infected prisoners are the same as for HCV-infected patients of general population

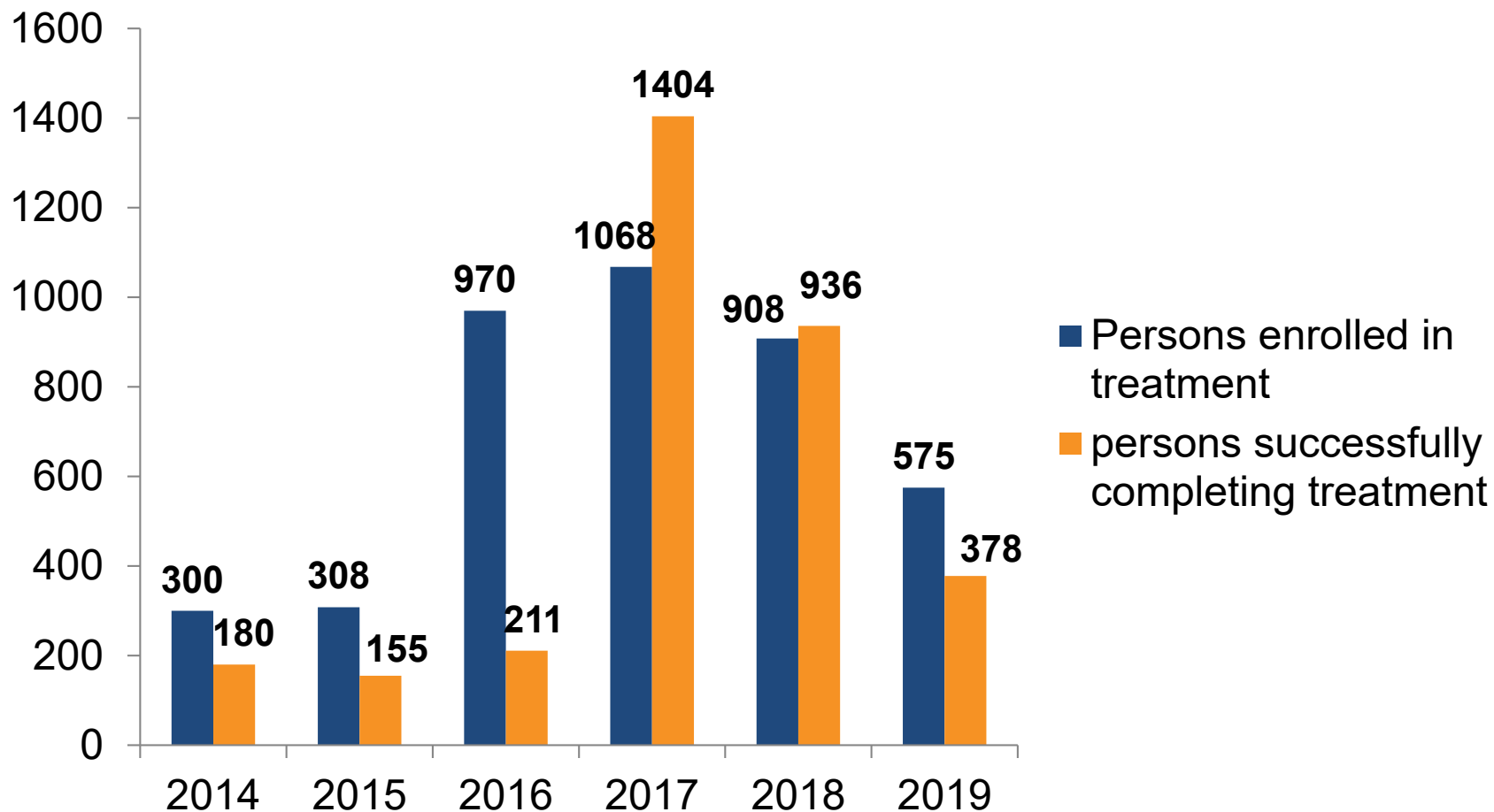
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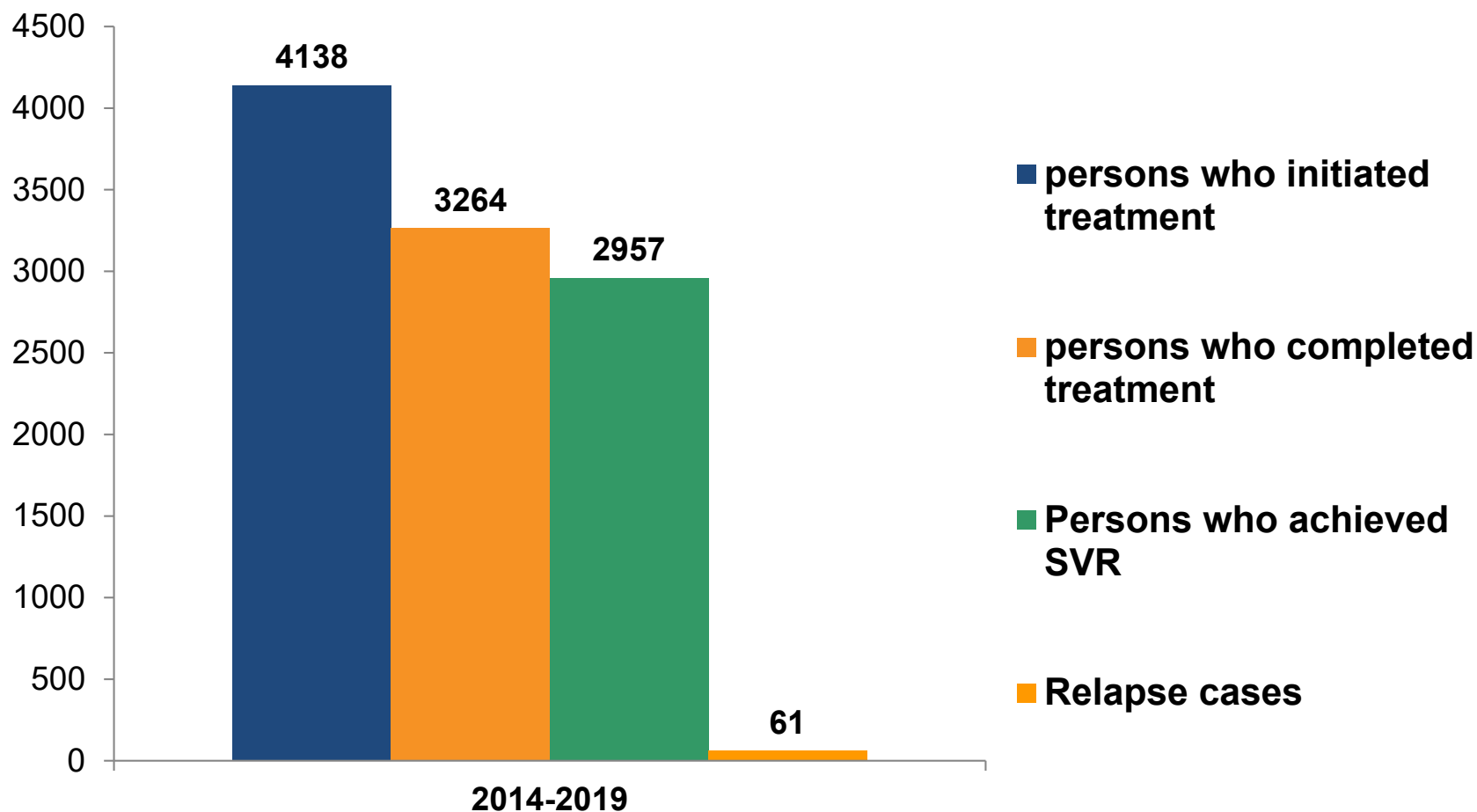
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Persons initiating HCV treatment/ persons successfully completing the treatment course



HCV treatment data: 2014-2019





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