



Hepatitis B Foundation Hires Lou Kassa as New COO

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The Hepatitis B Foundation in Pennsylvania has hired Louis P. Kassa III, a veteran of the nonprofit health sector, as its new chief operating officer, according to a [press release](#) from the organization.

In his new role, “Lou” Kassa will oversee the finance, staffing and daily operations at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center—which is home to the Hepatitis B Foundation— as well as its connected research entity, the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute.

The Hepatitis B Foundation, launched in 1991, is the only national nonprofit dedicated solely to finding a cure for the hepatitis B virus (HBV) and improving the lives of those who have the deadly liver disease. Right now, the organization is considered to be at the forefront of a [renewed interest](#) in hep B research.

Kassa is the former COO of the national behavioral health organization VisionQuest, where he supervised various health programs across five states. He also previously spent 14 years at Pennsylvania’s Youth Services Agency, a nonprofit that provides services for at-risk youth across America’s Mid-Atlantic region.

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