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Only a quarter have **AIDS infection** under control

ONLY one in four Americans with AIDS virus have the infection under control with medications, federal health officials said recently. Part of the reason is that about 20 per cent of those infected with HIV don't know it. People can have an infection for years without developing symptoms.

An infection was once a death sentence, but medications that have been available for 15 years can turn it into a manageable condition, allowing those infected to live longer and healthier lives.

However, in its first study of the issue, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found only a small fraction of people are being successfully treated.

"The big picture is we could do a lot better than we're doing today," said Dr Thomas Frieden, the CDC's director. Of the nearly 1.2 million people with HIV, only about 40 per cent are getting HIV-fighting medications regularly. Worse, only 28 per cent have managed to get the virus to low levels in their blood. That translates to roughly 850,000 Americans who don't have the virus controlled, Dr Frieden said. AP

