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**Revocation of HCQ Emergency Authorization Contains Good News**

The FDA revoked emergency use authorization of hydroxychloroquine (or HCQ) for hospitalized patients. No worries. Most doctors say HCQ should be used *before* patients need hospitalization.

Importantly, the revocation says the drug is FDA-approved and has been used for many years to treat other conditions. Then, in a sweeping note of freedom, the FDA writes: “FDA approved products may be prescribed by physicians for off-label uses if they determine it is appropriate for treating their patients, including during COVID.”

This means HCQ can be used whenever a doctor chooses to use it. This is good news for patients, but that’s not how most reporters talked about it. Nevertheless, I wonder if some secretly hope HCQ will be available if they get sick.