

It's Time to Eliminate Hepatitis C: Focus on Screening and Treatment



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Dear Providers,

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced a public health campaign called "We Treat Hep C," aimed at eliminating Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Michigan. The initiative involves increasing the number of people who are tested for HCV, increasing the number of providers who treat HCV, and expanding access to HCV curative treatments. To supplement this clinical care protocol and in addition to HCV and treatment monitoring, Meridian will also send HCV testing education to Medicaid beneficiaries 18 and older.

Through the We Treat Hep C initiative, MDHHS' goal is to treat all of the estimated 40,000 Medicaid beneficiaries with HCV. With the removal of PA on the curative therapy, this goal is within reach. It will involve:

- Screening all adult beneficiaries for HCV, per The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations
- Prescribing treatment for those with a confirmed HCV diagnosis

Review the CDC's new universal testing guidelines at

www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/guidelinesc.htm

- Incorporate orders for HCV tests in routine primary care
- Ensure that CDC HCV testing algorithms are followed (running an HCV virus detection test or PCR for any persons who tests positive for HCV antibody)
- Review MSA Provider www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/L_21-21_721460_7.pdf

Educational Resources for Providers

- Consulting line for all health care professionals with questions about HCV treatment provided by Henry Ford Health System. The consulting line operates from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily: **313-575-0332**. More information can be found at www.henryford.com/hcp/academic/medicine/divisions/id/hep-c-consult
- On-demand webinars, live training events, office hours, and other resources for healthcare professionals on treating HCV, provided by the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC) at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, available at matecmichigan.org
- Education and case consultation on HCV through the Michigan Opioid Collaborative at michiganopioidcollaborative.org/hep-c-treatment
- Additional resources at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Providers who want to be notified of new training opportunities and events should send a request to **MDHHS-Hepatitis@michigan.gov** to be added to the mailing list.

Sincerely,

Meridian

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