Viral Hepatitis Elimination Efforts in the United States
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Vision for the United States
National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan 2017-2020

The United States
will be a place where new viral hepatitis infections have been eliminated, where all people with chronic hepatitis B and C know their status, and everyone with chronic hepatitis B and C has access to high quality health care and curative treatments, free from stigma and discrimination.
National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan 2017 - 2020

- 4 Goals
- 11 Priority Populations
- 17 Indicators

A companion document for stakeholders: the Partner Planning Guide is an easy tool to support development of state/local action plans.
National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

Goals:
1. Prevent new viral hepatitis infections;
2. Reduce deaths and improve the health of people living with viral hepatitis;
3. Reduce viral hepatitis health disparities; and
4. Coordinate, monitor, and report on implementation of viral hepatitis activities.
The Evolution of Viral Hepatitis Strategic Planning

2011

COMBATING THE SILENT EPIDEMIC of VIRAL HEPATITIS
Action Plan for the Prevention, Care & Treatment of Viral Hepatitis

2014

Action Plan for the Prevention, Care, & Treatment of Viral Hepatitis

Updated
2014-2016

2017

NATIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS ACTION PLAN 2017-2020
Federal Viral Hepatitis Implementation Group Members

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)
- Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP)
- Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)
- Office of Minority Health (OMH)
- Office of Population Affairs (OPA)
- Office of the Surgeon General (OSG)
- Office on Women’s Health (OWH)
- Regional Health Offices (RHOs)
- Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

- Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)

- Civil Rights Division
- Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

- Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
Developing the Next National Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan: Progress and Timeline

• Target date for release: 2020 (current iteration expires 2020)

• Federal Steering Committee has been meeting bi-monthly since January 2019
  ▪ Identifying a small number of high priority populations
  ▪ Consider prioritization of strategies based on evidence of impact

• VH subcommittees are tasked with developing/prioritizing strategies for each goal
  ▪ Indicators co-chair from CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH), Epidemiology Branch
    ✓ Participation by Healthy People 2030 staff to help ensure alignment
  ▪ Prevention and Care co-chair from CDC DVH, Prevention Branch
  ▪ Disparities & Coordination co-chair from HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau

• Public comment analysis presented to Steering Committee and subcommittees
VH - Community Engagement/ Public Comments

• Listening Sessions
  ▪ 18 sessions from September 2018 – March 2019
    ✓ 5 National Conferences
    ✓ 2 National Virtual Meetings
    ✓ 7 State/Regional Community Planning/ Stakeholder Meetings
    ✓ 2 Local HIV Prevention Trainings (MT, USVI)
    ✓ 2 Federal Advisory Committees
  ▪ 426 Total Comments (VH 255/HIV 312)

• RFI Comments
  ▪ RFI open February - March 2019
  ▪ 80 Sets of Comments Received (VH 28, HIV 49)
Developing the Next National Viral Hepatitis Strategy: Public Input

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SYNDEMICS (Synergistic Epidemics)

A set of interconnected health problems that often have common root causes and often interact synergistically, with one problem making the other worse.

SDOH from [Healthy People 2020](https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020)
National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Goals:
1. Reduce new infections;
2. Increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV;
3. Reduce HIV-related health disparities and health inequities; and
4. Achieve a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.

New iteration to be released 2020.

Ending The HIV Epidemic: A Plan For America

PHASE 1: Focused effort to reduce new infections by 75% in 5 years

PHASE 2: Widely disseminated effort to reduce new infections by 90% in the following 5 years

PHASE 3: Intense case management to maintain the number of new infections at <3,000 per year

GOAL:
75% reduction in new HIV infections in 5 years and at least 90% reduction in 10 years.
STI Federal Action Plan - Scope

• Developing actionable strategies to address the four sexually transmitted infections with the highest rates and impact on the health of the nation:
  ▪ Chlamydia;
  ▪ Gonorrhea;
  ▪ Syphilis (including congenital syphilis); and
  ▪ Human papillomavirus (HPV)

• First iteration – focus on federal partners

• Public Comments – 4 in-person listening sessions at national conferences/meetings; 2 nationwide virtual listening sessions; Request for Information published in Federal Register

• Anticipated release in 2020
Federal Partners are Committing to Viral Hepatitis Elimination
Actions Needed to Move Toward Elimination

• Vaccinate
  - Hepatitis A vaccine
  - Hepatitis B vaccine

• Test
  - HAV: test and/or vaccinate if susceptible
  - HBV: test and/or vaccinate if susceptible
  - HCV: Antibody screening test, diagnose using a PCR test

• Treat
  - All persons with chronic HCV as described in the expert recommendations at www.hcvguidelines.org
  - All persons recommended for HBV treatment by AASLD, available at: https://www.aasld.org/publications/hepatitis-b-chronic
Purpose of the Hepatitis C Medicaid Affinity Group

- Foster state collaboration and the sharing of promising practices
- Support states in developing and implementing innovative HCV-related policies and programs
- Increase the number and percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries diagnosed and successfully treated for HCV
Hepatitis C Medicaid Affinity Group:
Year 3 Invitation Coming Soon

- States and jurisdictions (e.g., counties, cities) will be invited to submit simple Expression of Interest Form in Sept/Oct 2019
- New year of Affinity Group will launch Dec 2019
- Stay tuned to the blog at HHS.gov/hepatitis for announcement
- Contact Corinna.Dan@hhs.gov for more information.
A Growing Number of States, Regions, and Organizations Are Committing to Viral Hepatitis Elimination

- In March 2019, OIDP invited states, local jurisdictions and organizations to share their work toward viral hepatitis elimination.
- Mapping Hepatitis Elimination in Action goals:
  - help stakeholders find others who think it is feasible to eliminate the public health threat of viral hepatitis;
  - provide the opportunity to learn from and contact others who are pursuing similar goals;
  - expand support for elimination efforts by identifying existing efforts that stakeholders can join; and
  - raise awareness of the growing number of states, local jurisdictions and non-governmental organizations that are setting their sights on achieving the elimination of viral hepatitis among the people they serve.
Elimination Projects Overview:
- 4 clinics/health systems
- 18 state/regional
- 5 national (not shown on map)

Focus:
HBV: 1 plan
HCV: 12 plans
HBV & HCV: 4 plans
HIV/HCV: 5 plans
Mapping Hepatitis Elimination

Overview of efforts:

• Local clinics/health systems:
  ▪ Focus on linkage to care

• State/Regional:
  ▪ Frequent involvement of state departments of health
  ▪ Task forces and coalitions
  ▪ Micro-elimination in hard-hit or high-risk areas (e.g., Appalachia)

• National:
  ▪ Federally supported programs, e.g. HRSA, VA, SAMHSA
  ▪ Themes include: screening, substance use disorder treatment

• To join the map, contact Corinna.Dan@HHS.gov.
The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health hosts:

**Syringe Service Programs**
State and Local Perspectives on the Role of Policy, Funding, and Partnerships

Monday, September 16, 2019, 2:00-3:15 PM ET

A recording of SSP Part 1 is available, sign up to receive emails and notifications of new information and resources at [www.HHS.gov/hepatitis](http://www.HHS.gov/hepatitis).