ABOUT THE ACTION PLAN


• Is a new phase in the fight against viral hepatitis in the U.S.
• Is a national plan, not just a federal plan
• Recognizes that success cannot be achieved by federal action alone
• Is intended to guide individuals and organizations from all sectors of society to strengthen our collective national response to HBV and HCV infection.

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Certain populations have higher rates of new or existing viral hepatitis infections, are more likely to die, and/or are at risk for transmitting viral hepatitis.

**Goal 2:** Reduce deaths and improve the health of people living with viral hepatitis

- **Strategy 4:** Improve viral hepatitis treatment among persons living with HIV/AIDS
HIV and Viral Hepatitis Coinfection

1 in 10 people living with HIV have hepatitis B

1 in 5 people living with HIV have hepatitis C
STANDARD OF CARE

• People with HIV and HBV coinfection are recommended to receive specific antiviral therapies that are active against both infections
  ▪ In comparison with HCV-monoinfected patients, persons coinfected with HIV have higher liver-related mortality as well as overall mortality
• Curing HCV among people with coinfection results in reductions in liver failure, liver cancer, and liver-related mortality
• The new direct-acting antivirals that are now available are more effective in HIV/HCV coinfected individuals and safer
• The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program/ AIDS Drug Assistance Program provide supportive services such as case management for people living with HIV and AIDS
HRSA Ryan White Program Committed to Eliminating HCV Coinfection

• The Health Resources and Services Administration’s Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) reaches approximately 54% of all people living with diagnosed HIV in the United States, has undertaken several activities to increase HCV screening and treatment among its clients.

• RWHAP has set elimination of HCV coinfection as one of its goals.

“The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program provides the infrastructure to screen and treat people with HIV/HCV coinfection and is committed to eliminating HCV coinfection among all RWHAP clients.”

~ Laura Cheever, MD, ScM, Associate Administrator, HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA
SUPPORT FOR ELIMINATING COINFECTION

In 2016, HRSA’s HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program launched increased efforts related to curing HCV, setting elimination of HIV/HCV coinfection as one of its goals.

- “HIV/HCV Co-infection: An AETC National Curriculum” includes prevention, screening, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations.

Join us in the effort to eliminate HCV among people living with HIV.