



**Department
of Health**

Eliminating Hepatitis C in New York State

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Timeline towards HCV elimination

Spring 2016

- Series of meetings between HCV community, AIDS Institute and NYCDOHMH, to discuss HCV elimination

Fall 2016

- Establishment of steering community and workgroups
- Development of recommendations for HCV elimination

February 2017

- NYS HCV Elimination Summit
- Release of Consensus Statement on Hepatitis C Elimination in NYS

March 2017

- Consensus statement delivered to Governor Cuomo, along with \$10.8 million elimination budget

Summer 2017

- Statewide HCV Listening Session

March 2018

- Governor commits to HCV elimination

Governor Commits to Eliminating HCV

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March 16, 2018

Governor Announces Nation's First State-Level Hepatitis C Elimination Strategy to Increase Access to Medication, Expand Comprehensive Programs and Enhance Treatment Services

"Ending the Epidemic" Progress Report Issued Highlights New York's Historic Advancements in Ending the AIDS Epidemic by the end of 2020

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced he is advancing a statewide expansion of the HIV/AIDS Services Administration rental assistance program for New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, the Governor announced the nation's first state-level Hepatitis C comprehensive elimination strategy to end the Hepatitis C and HIV epidemics in New York State. The new effort aims to stop the Hepatitis C virus in its tracks by increasing access to medications that can cure Hepatitis C and expanding programs to connect New Yorkers in high-risk communities with wrap-

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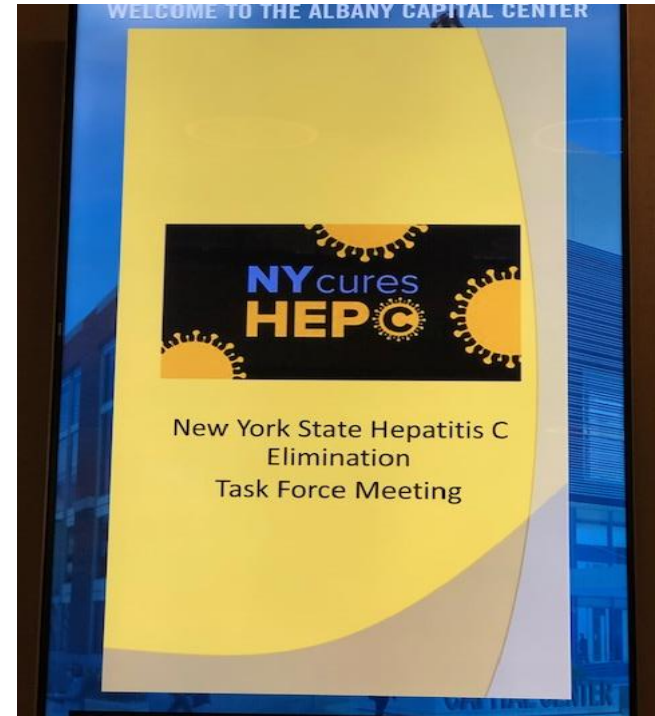
Governor Cuomo Announces First-In-Nation Strategy To Eliminate Hepatitis C

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NYS Hepatitis C Elimination Task Force

- 28 member Task Force
- Community members, public health experts, HCV providers and persons infected with and affected by HCV
- Establish NYS Hepatitis C Elimination Plan
 - Build on existing recommendations from 2017 Summit
 - Identify key populations
 - Identify infrastructure needs



NYS Hepatitis C Elimination Task Force Workgroups

- Five workgroups
 - HCV prevention
 - HCV testing and linkage to care
 - HCV care and treatment
 - Surveillance, data and metrics
 - Social determinants
- Review the existing recommendations
 - Still relevant and appropriate?
 - Revise, if necessary
- Identify any additional recommendations
- Prioritize recommendations

Funding



- Patient navigation program
- Innovative care models to address barriers PWID face when accessing HCV treatment
- Re-entry programs for incarcerated individuals infected with HCV
- Surveillance infrastructure
- HCV testing
- HCV research
- Multi-media awareness campaign

Expand prevention, screening, care and treatment

Strategy for Eliminating HCV in NYS

- Removal of HCV insurance barriers
 - Extend duration of prior authorization approvals to six months
 - Eliminate week 2 HCV RNA tests for persons on treatment
 - MCO to reimburse for telehealth for HCV treatment.

Strategy for Eliminating HCV in NYS

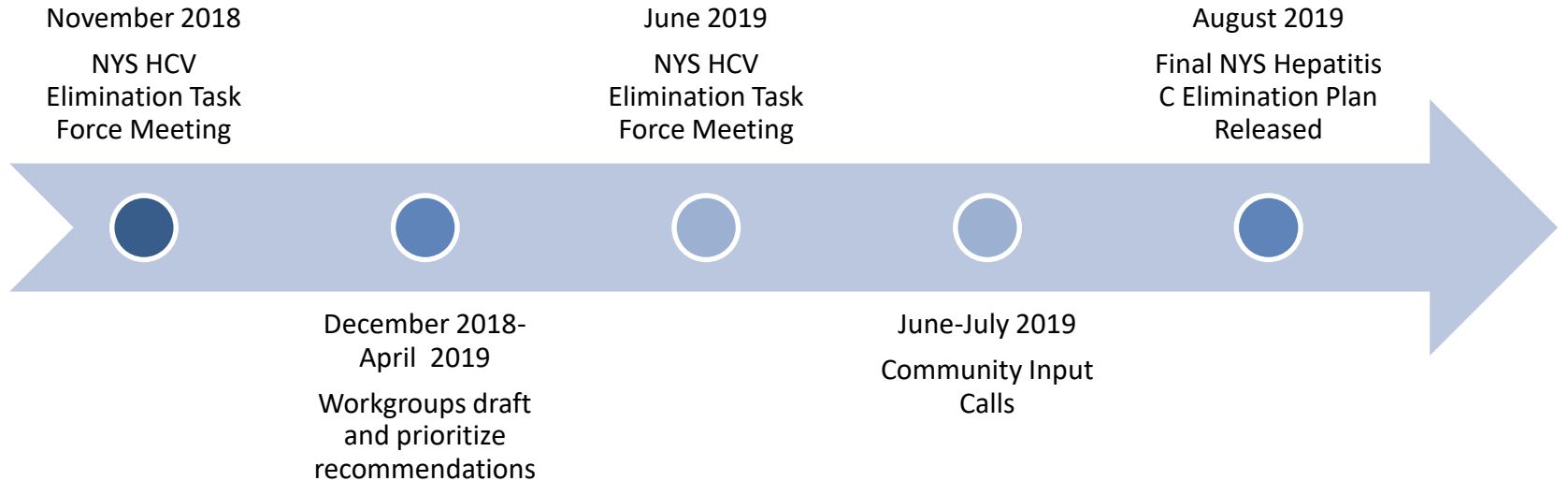
- Medicaid reimbursement for harm reduction services
- Expansion of syringe exchange access
 - STD clinics
 - Homeless shelters
 - Local health departments
 - Promotion of ESAP by pharmacies
- Allow for limited primary care services in harm reduction settings

Establishing the Elimination Target and Metrics

- Establish the HCV elimination target
 - Contracted with CDA Foundation
- Create various metrics



Timeline



Thank you

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NYS Hepatitis C Elimination Web Page:

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/elimination.htm