Eliminating Hepatitis C in New York State
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 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
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

$5 Million

- 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

November 2018
NYS HCV Elimination Task Force Meeting

December 2018- April 2019
Workgroups draft and prioritize recommendations

June 2019
NYS HCV Elimination Task Force Meeting

June-July 2019
Community Input Calls

August 2019
Final NYS Hepatitis C Elimination Plan Released

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Thank you

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