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Medicaid Provider Training for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)

Introduction

Studies have shown that with proper training and education, primary care providers (PCPs) can successfully manage treatment for hepatitis C virus (HCV) with cure rates similar to those achieved by hematologists and other specialists.¹ Training providers in HCV treatment is crucial to improving access to care and improving HCV cure rates.

DID YOU KNOW?

HCV treatment by appropriately trained PCPs results in cure rates similar to those of hepatologists and infectious disease specialists.

Provider Training Resources

NVHR's Provider Training Resources: The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable's [online resource database](#) has links to guidelines and presentations about initiating HCV treatment, testing protocols and guides for advising and counseling patients.

CDC's Guide to Hep C Testing and Counseling: This [CDC guide](#) for PCPs has testing recommendations and tools for identifying and talking to at-risk patients about HCV.

Hepatitis C Online: [Hepatitis C Online](#) is a free educational web site from the University of Washington that has comprehensive resources that addresses the diagnosis, monitoring, and management of HCV.

What Affinity Group States are Doing

NEW YORK

The New York AIDS Institute's [Clinical Education Initiative](#) is dedicated to enhancing the capacity of providers to improve health outcomes related to HIV, STIs and HCV. In collaboration with Mount Sinai, they host in-person symposiums, deliver provider education, and host a "warm line" for providers to talk to HCV specialists. HCV clinical guidelines and HCV resources for PCPs [are available online](#). Finally, they direct providers to the [HepCure project](#) which provides resources for patients and providers, including a phone-based app.



HepCure

MARYLAND

In collaboration with Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Maryland developed a training curriculum based on the [ECHO model](#) that includes a one-day in-person training, preceptorships, on-site training, and regular teleconferences for presentations and case conferencing. PCPs take an exam assessing their comfort with HCV care, and JHU manages the implementation of the project.



¹ <https://www.medpagetoday.com/reading-room/aga/lower-gi/66755>