Indiana Medicaid Partnership with Indiana University Project ECHO

Hepatitis C Affinity Group
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Project ECHO Background

- University of New Mexico
  - Launched in 2003
  - Sanjeev Arora, MD (gastroenterology)

- Purpose: create access to high-quality specialty care by community providers

- Community providers:
  - Learn from specialists
  - Learn from each other
  - Provide specialists with emerging best practices
Indiana’s Hepatitis C Project ECHO

- Indiana University
- Launched in January, 2018
- Concurrent launch with other ECHO programs such as opioid use disorder
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• Prior authorization requires “prescriptions to be written by or in consultation with a infectious disease or gastroenterology specialist
  – Informally included ECHO participants
  – December 2017, formalized by adding PA language “including hepatitis C ECHO Program participants”
Partnership with Indiana Medicaid

• Provide Medicaid information during ECHO program sessions
• Provide a point of contact for participants
• Provide quarterly participant outcomes data
  – Based on Affinity Group Outcomes report
  – Utilized to support continued grant funding request
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• ↑ program participation
• ↑ screening
• ↑ rate of PA approvals
Hepatitis C Project ECHO website

- https://fsph.iupui.edu/research-centers/centers/public-health-practice/echo-project.html