

Hepatitis C Virus Recommendation Checklist

Health Plan-Level 3



The current state of the issue

The number of acute HCV cases has been steadily increasing in the United States between 2012-2019, with an estimated 133% increase in acute cases reported in 2019 compared to 2012. While the cure cascade for HCV is well-defined, disparities in testing and treatment prevent many patients from accessing treatment. The greatest gap occurs between diagnosis and treatment. In Washington, only an estimated 12% of patients with diagnosed HCV infections start direct-acting antiviral treatment. Together, we can support the screening and treatment of individuals with HCV to reach our goal of eliminating Hepatitis C in Washington State by 2030.

Strengthen the capacity to treat and cure individuals

- Incentivize HCV treatment through novel reimbursement pathways.

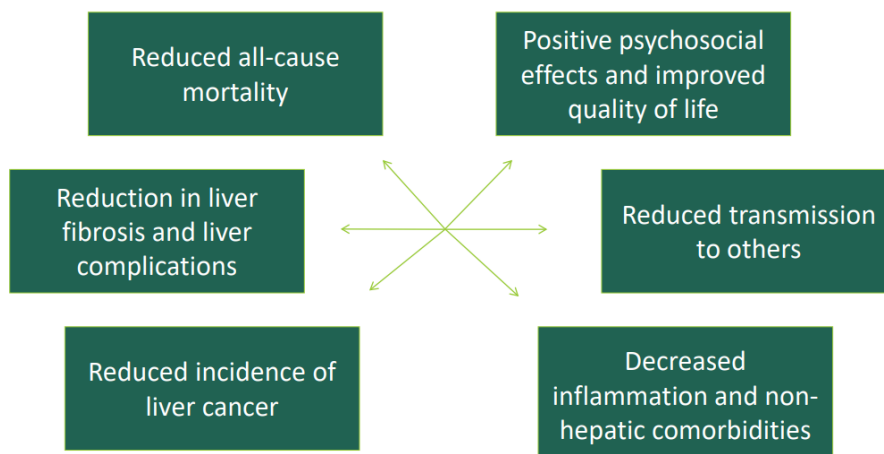
Use an interdisciplinary team

- Develop reimbursement models for pharmacists to treat HCV, like Medication Therapy Management (MTM) reimbursements.
- Reimburse retail pharmacies for HCV screening and testing services.

Support the coordination of care

- Offer risk-adjusted pool payments or consider bundled payments to help support care coordination services for providing services for patients with HCV, in addition to reimbursements for medications and office visits.
- Provide equitable and accessible care coordination services for plan enrollees that help connect enrollees to HCV services and address potential social need.
- Ensure that in-person, local care coordination services are available or reimbursed as needed.
- Consider partnerships with community-based care coordination programs to provide these on-the-ground, field-based services.

Benefits of Eliminating HCV



Resources

- The Bree Report on HCV is meant to supplement these resources.
- Full Bree Report on HCV: <https://www.qualityhealth.org/bree/topic-areas/hep-c/>
- AASLD/IDSA: <https://www.hcvguidelines.org/>
- Hep C Free Washington (DOH): <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/hepatitis-information/hepatitis-c/eliminating-hepatitis-c>
- Hep C Free Washington (HCA): <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/clinical-collaboration-and-initiatives/eliminating-hepatitis-c>
- Project ECHO Viral Hepatitis: for UW, contact Pam Landinez at landinez@uw.edu
- UW HCV Training: <https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/>
- CDC Hepatitis C Virus: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>
- Hepatitis C Medical Case Management Toolkit: Creating and Expanding Services: https://hepeducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/HEP_MCM_Toolkit.pdf

Read the full Bree Report on HCV online by scanning the QR code:



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