



ABOUT THE N-HEP

These National Hepatitis Elimination Profiles (N-HEP)s bring together data on each country's epidemiological burden, status of program delivery, and policy environment. Working with local partners, the profiles break down the essential components of effective public health initiatives and highlight achievements, challenges, and innovations for the 30 countries included. The N-HEPs serve as advocacy tools for catalyzing policy development and resource mobilization in pursuit of the 2030 hepatitis elimination goals.

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AT A GLANCE:

HBV

YES

YES YES

HCV

Elimination Goal

National Plan

72%

Number of needles/syringes per PWID per year

HepB Birth Dose Coverage

30

Number of persons living with HBV

Number of persons living with chronic HCV

862,000-2.4 M

2.4M

Deaths per 100,000

Deaths per 100,000

0.45

3.45

OVERVIEW OF POLICY ENVIRONMENT

- · No national registry or system to track number of persons diagnosed and treated for HBV and HCV
- All-adult, universal HBV screening recommendations (2023) and HČV screening recommendations (2020) developed
- · Universal adult HepB vaccination recommendations released in 2022

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

CHALLENGES:

State Medicaid programs restrictions

on HCV treatment access

Limited access to harm reduction services for persons who inject drugs

KEY NEXT STEPS.

Scale-up HBV and HCV testing for all adults

Remove HCV treatment restrictions

HEALTH BURDEN

OVERVIEW

HBV ELIMINATION GOAL: YES (2030)



HBV ACTION PLAN

View their action plan online ↗

In 2021, the US Government Committed to Reaching Goals for Hepatitis Elimination

In 2020, the CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis released <u>a five-year strategic</u> <u>plan to prevent and control viral</u> <u>hepatitis in theUnited States</u> 40

HCV ELIMINATION GOAL: YES (2030)



HCV ACTION PLAN

View their action plan online ↗





862,000-2.4 M

Number of persons living with HBV infection, 2016

Based on national survey

Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and African-Born persons account for 50-80% of infections 4.7

2.4 M

(2.0-2.8 M)

Number of persons living with HCV infection, 2015

Based on national survey

75% of persons with chronic HCV were born from 1945 through 1965 ⁵



14,000

Estimated acute HBV cases, 2020 32

76% of all acute hepatitis B cases were persons aged 30-59 years 32

States in the Appalachian region have rates of acute hepatitis B higher than the US average 32

Although the rate of reported acute hepatitis B was the lowest among Asian/Pacific Islander persons, the rate of newly reported chronic hepatitis B was highest among this group during 2020 32

0.45 per 100,000 Rate of estimated new HBV infections 32 66,700

Estimated acute HCV cases, 2020 33

Incidence highest among those aged 20-39 years and American Indians and Alaska Natives, those most affected by the opioid epidemic ³²

0.7 per 100,000 Rate of estimated new HCV infections ³²



1,752

HBV deaths, 2019 32

0.45

Deaths per 100,000 3

Death rate among Asian and Pacific Islanders is 5 times the rate among White Americans 32 14,865

HCV deaths, 2019 32

3.45

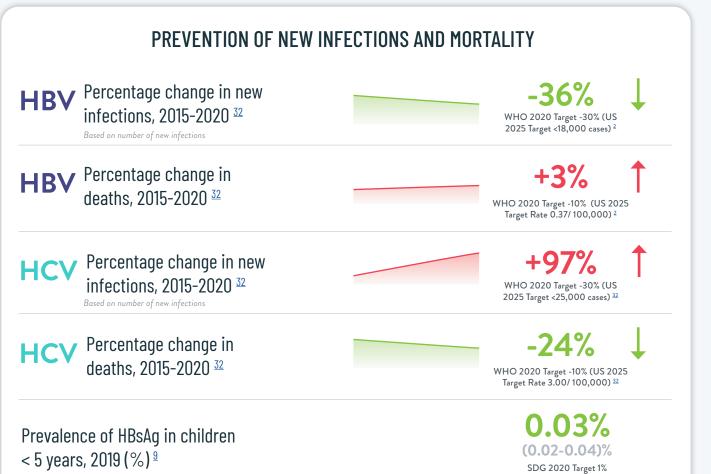
Deaths per 100,000 3

Death rate among Black Americans is almost 2 times the rate among White Americans 32

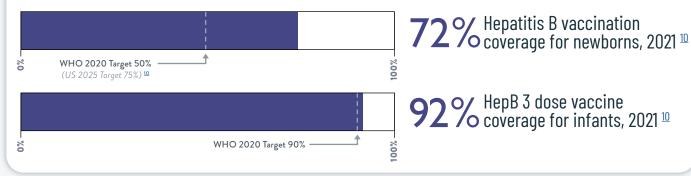


PROGRESS TOWARDS 2020 WHO ELIMINATION GOALS

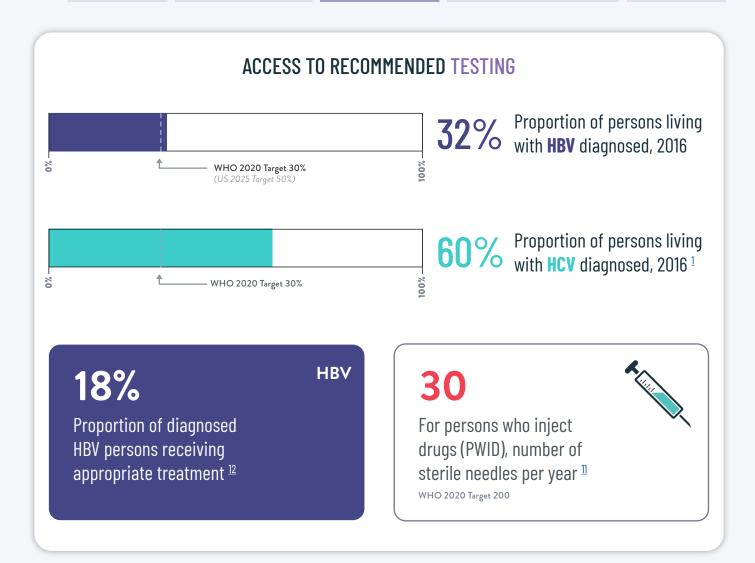
Trends may have been affected by disruptions in the COVID-19 pandemic



ACCESS TO RECOMMENDED VACCINATION









ACCESS TO RECOMMENDED TREATMENT

HCV



43% Proportion of persons who have cleared HCV infection, 2016 ¹

843,000

Cumulative number of persons initiated on HCV treatment 2014-2020 33

Number of persons initiating HCV treatment annually 33





POLICY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF HEPATITIS

STRATEGIC INFORMATION

Status

Notes

Routine official reports to monitor HBV and HCV ^{2,3}

Mortality

Adopted

Incidence

Adopted

Surveillance for chronic hepatitis B remains limited

Prevalence

Adopted

Estimates of HBV and/or HCV economic burden 13,14

Adopted

Monitoring of HBV and HCV diagnosis and treatment 15,16,33

Partially Adapted

Number of persons treated for HCV tracked using large payer-based databases and/or pharmaceutical sales.

No national registry or system to track number of persons diagnosed and treated for HBV and HCV

LEARN MORE ABOUT STRATEGIC INFORMATION:



ROADBLOCKS

Inadequate surveillance data to guide service delivery for at-risk populations

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Limited funding for state HBV and HCV surveillance programs 36

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The 2021 Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Status Report from HepVu and NASTAD found that one-third of US jurisdictions did not have a full-time employee dedicated to viral hepatitis surveillance and that only 55% of jurisdictions were able to produce annual surveillance summaries ³⁶



POLICY ENVIRONMENT PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO Status Notes CHILDREN TRANSMISSION Policy for hepatitis B vaccination of newborns ¹ **Adopted** Recommendations for: **HBV** testing of Adopted pregnant women ¹ **HCV** testing of Adopted pregnant women ¹⁷ Program for triple elimination of Adopted HIV, hepatitis B, and syphilis

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE USA'S WORK IN PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION:





ACCESS AND REGISTRATION OF MEDICINES AND TESTS

Status

Registration of originator medicines 31

Adopted

Eligible for generic medicines

Not Eligible

Registration of generic medicines

Not Applicable

Licensed point-of-care PCR testing to detect HBV and HCV

Not Adopted

TESTING TO DIAGNOSE HBV AND HCV INFECTION

Status

Notes

Notes

Testing recommendations for:

HBV: Risk-based 20

Adopted

HBV: Universal 35

Adopted

HCV: Risk-based 20

Adopted

HCV: Universal One-Time 17

Adopted

No patient co-pays for HBsAg and anti-HCV testing ²¹

Adopted



HEALTH BURDEN

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE USA'S WORK IN TESTING TO DIAGNOSE HBV AND HCV INFECTION



ROADBLOCKS

Limited access to HCV testing in emergency departments and other priority settings beyond primary care

Two-step process for screening and diagnosis can lead to loss-to-follow-up



INNOVATIONS

In 2022, AB-789 was passed in California requiring health facilities delivering primary care to offer HBV and HCV screening to all adults ³²



ACHIEVEMENTS

All-adult, universal HBV screening recommendations (2023) and HCV screening recommendations (2020) ^{1Z,35}

FDA down-classification of HCV diagnostics

ACCESS TO HBV AND HCV TREATMENT

Status

Notes

HBV: National treatment guidelines 30

Developed

HBV: Simplified care: No patient treatment co-pays

Partially Adopted

Varies by payer

HBV: Simplified care: Simplified treatment and monitoring algorithm for primary care providers ²⁷

Available

HCV: National treatment guidelines ²²

Available

HCV: Simplified care algorithm: Less than 2 clinic visits during treatment ²²

Adopted



HCV: Simplified care algorithm: Non-specialists can prescribe treatment ²² Under Medicaid	Partially Adopted	46 of 52 states/territories have removed prescriber restrictions
		5 other states have no prescriber restrictions for initial/simplified treatment
HCV: Simplified care algorithm: No patient treatment co-pays	Partially Adopted	Varies by payer
No fibrosis restrictions ²³ Under Medicaid	Partially Adopted	50 of 52 states/territories
		Only Arkansas and South Dakota still have fibrosis restrictions in place
No sobriety restrictions ²³ Under Medicaid	Partially Adopted	38 of 52 states/territories have removed substance use restrictions
No genotyping ²²	Partially Adopted	Varies by payer
No prior authorization requirements ²³ Under Medicaid	Partially Adopted	31 states/territories still require prior authorization before initiation of HCV treatment ²³

POLICY ENVIRONMENT

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE USA'S WORK IN ACCESS TO HBV AND HCV TREATMENT:



narrow networks limit access to treatment







ACHIEVEMENTS

Simplified hepatitis B treatment and monitoring algorithm for primary care providers developed ^{2Z}

Increasing number of states removing fibrosis, sobriety, and prescribing restrictions

HEALTH EQUITY AND ADDRESSING DISPARITIES

Status

Notes

National strategy addresses populations most affected ¹

Adopted

National anti-discrimination laws against persons living with hepatitis B and/or C ²⁵

Partially Adopted

National policy for adult hepatitis B vaccination ^{28,34}

Adopted

In 2022, The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended that all adults aged 19–59 years should receive HepB vaccine

National policy for:

Harm reduction for persons who inject drugs (PWID) 18

Developed

Syringe exchange in federal prisons ¹⁸

Not Adopted

Number of needles/syringes per PWID per year ¹¹

30

WHO 2020 Target 200



POLICY ENVIRONMENT Number of opioid substitution therapy **Not Adopted** recipients per 100 PWID 18 Decriminalization of possession 3 of 51 states/territories (inc. DC) of syringes & paraphernalia Decriminalization of drug use 18 **Not Adopted** Decriminalization of 12 of 50 states have laws that criminalize hepatitis hepatitis infection ²⁹

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE USA'S WORK IN HEALTH EQUITY AND ADDRESSING DISPARITIES:



equipment, and opioid

substitution therapy for PWID



ACHIEVEMENTS

Federal support for harm reduction awarded in the American Rescue Plan (2021)

Universal adult HepB vaccination recommendations released in 2022, removing the need for risk factor screening and disclosure. This policy will likely increase vaccination coverage and decrease hepatitis B cases





INNOVATIONS

The HIT-B program implemented at a community health clinic primarily serving medically underserved Asian American patients – mined electronic health record (EHR) data on HBV screening and vaccination history to provide point-of-care recommendations that resulted in improvement in HBV screening and vaccination rates.

Community-based HCV testing and referral to care for homeless persons (e.g., Los Angeles)

New York State's Drug User Health hubs, which co-locate HCV treatment at syringe exchange programs Increased US CDC support for hepatitis prevention, diagnosis, and treatment for PWID

Telehealth models to reach rural residents (e.g., Kentucky's KeY Treat Study)

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Colorado Medicaid allowing entire treatment course to be dispensed at initial fill, in alignment with MINMON study

California 1115 waiver covers a package of reentry services, including viral hepatitis care, for specific groups of persons who are incarcerated starting 90 days prior to release 38

FINANCING

Public budget line for HBV and HCV testing and treatment 24

Status

Adopted

Notes

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE USA'S WORK IN FINANCING:



INNOVATIONS

Innovative Medicaid financing programs, i.e., subscription models in Louisiana and Washington state

Michigan uses CDC DIS Workforce Development funding for HCV case management



ACHIEVEMENTS

The President's fiscal year 2024 budget proposal included a new mandatory proposal for a national hepatitis C elimination program to increase access to curative medications, and expand implementation of complementary efforts such as screening, testing, and provider capacity with a specific focus on high-risk populations. This was the most robust federal commitment to HCV elimination to date. The proposal requests US\$11.3 billion over five years, with over US\$7 billion in savings to the health system expected 39



USA'S NEXT STEPS TOWARD ELIMINATION

- Increase support for hepatitis prevention and surveillance infrastructure linked to program planning and targeting service delivery
- Prioritize programs and partnerships to address hepatitis-related health disparities
- Scale-up HBV and HCV testing for alladults, including for pregnant persons
- Remove restrictions to HCV treatment, including prior authorization and specific restrictions (e.g., sobriety)
- Guided by strategic information, expand access to harm reduction, including in correctional settings
- Pursue policies to expand access to HepB vaccination, care and treatment
- Expedite FDA licensure of point-of-care HBV and HCV diagnostic tests
- Leverage innovations from COVID-19 response (e.g., home-based testing)
- Increase the number of primary care treaters



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