

New York State Governor's HCV Elimination Task Force

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Hepatitis C in New York

- Approximately 280,000 people in New York State living with chronic as of 2013 Hep C¹ as of 2013
- **More than 50% are unaware of their infection¹**
- Up to 30% of all persons living with HIV in New York are co-infected with Hepatitis C²
- Approximately 65% of new Hep C diagnosis in NYC are among Blacks or Latinos²
- Hep C infection among HIV-positive MSM in NYC have increased³

¹American Journal of Public Health (2013)

²NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

³DrobnikA et al, HIV/HCV Coninfection among MSM in NYC 2000-2010. (2013)

Timeline

2014: HCV Testing Law Implemented

2015: Statewide coalition established to bring attention to the state of the epidemic and fight for expanded treatment access.

2016: Removal of Drug Utilization Review Board disease prognosis and severity restrictions for HCV treatments for Medicaid fee-for-service (and similar changes in private insurance)

2016: Expanded ADAP coverage to include HCV treatment for people living with HIV

2016-2017: Summit and Consensus Statement on HCV Elimination in NYS, signed by over 147 organizations, including county health departments, and launch of **NYS HCV Elimination Campaign**.

NYS HCV Elimination Summit

Between May 2016 and February 2017, a broad committee of 94 NYS stakeholders—state and local government representatives; epidemiologists; physicians; harm reduction and social service providers; and community advocates—worked together to build consensus on the opportunity for statewide HCV elimination. Thirty four draft recommendations produced.

Working Groups—carried over for Task Force:

- Prevention
- Testing & Linkage
- Care & Treatment Access
- Data, Surveillance & Metrics
- Social Determinants of Health



Timeline

Final NYS FY19 Budget includes **\$5M in new funding** for HCV, a four-fold increase (\$10 million over 2 years)

Merck, AbbVie, and Gilead Sciences in negotiations with NYS for additional Medicaid and Department of Corrections & Community Supervision discounts.

October 11, 2018: Governor Cuomo announces Hepatitis C Elimination Task Force

November 27, 2018: Task Force convenes in Albany to begin work.

April 2019: Revised recommendations completed.

June 2019: Community input sessions throughout the State.

August 2019: Final recommendations delivered to Gov. Cuomo.

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THANK YOU!

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