




NYC VIRAL HEPATITIS ELIMINATION PLAN UPDATE

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NYS Governor's Hepatitis B Policy Proposal

- Proposal: Governor Kathy Hochul's FY 2025 executive budget included a proposal to amend NYS Education Law to allow registered nurses to screen for hepatitis B through a non-patient specific standing order.
- Rationale: Expanding New York State scope of practice laws to allow registered nurses to screen for hepatitis B pursuant to a non-patient specific order will:
 - build screening capacity and increase screening rates among patients and their contacts, and
 - allow for increased detection of undiagnosed hepatitis B and facilitate linkage to care and treatment for patients who test positive, thus improving health outcomes and preventing onward transmission.



Do you support this policy proposal?

What will help advance this policy proposal next year?

What future legislative, regulatory, or policy changes should be part of NYC's hepatitis B elimination planning?

How Can You Contribute?

- Continue to plan community Hep B screening and vaccination events.
- Develop “Elimination” case studies and promising practices to share with others.
 - What are you doing to eliminate Hep B in your community?
 - Tell us what works, what doesn’t work to get educated, screened and treated for Hep B.
- Continue to advocate for new resources for implementation of the Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan.
- Participate in listening sessions, work groups, and micro-elimination projects.
- Share your ideas and goals.



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