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Hep B United Comments on the CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention Draft Strategic Plan for 2015-2020

Hep B United and our national coalition partners provided comments to the [CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention](#) (NCHHSTP) on its *Draft Strategic Plan for 2015-2020*.

Hep B United expressed our serious disappointment and concerns regarding the lack of goals related to hepatitis B infection in the draft strategic plan. The Center's plan does not align with the [Department of Health and Human Services Viral Hepatitis Action Plan](#) to address hepatitis B in at-risk populations, and does not include goals, indicators, or strategies for reducing morbidity and mortality associated with chronic hepatitis B infection.

Hep B United recommends the NCHHSTP - the Center responsible for public health surveillance, prevention research, and programs to prevent and control HIV/AIDS, other STDs, viral hepatitis, and TB - revise its overarching goals and strategies in its new plan.

Chronic hepatitis B infection is a growing public health challenge and is the leading cause of liver cancer and a major health disparity among Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and African immigrants.

Hep B United strongly urges NCHHSTP, as the leading public health agency overseeing viral hepatitis programs, to include hepatitis B in its 5-year strategic plan and identify clear priorities, goals and strategies to address the gaps and challenges in hepatitis B surveillance, screening and linkage to care towards its goal in achieving health equity.

Read Hep B United's comment letter [here](#).

Hep B United is a national coalition to address the public health challenge of hepatitis B by increasing awareness, screening, vaccination and linkage to care for all Americans, but in particular, for high-risk Asian American and Pacific Islander populations who are disproportionately impacted. For more information about Hep B United and its local coalition members, please visit <http://hepbunited.org>.