



Viral Hepatitis Elimination Efforts in the United States

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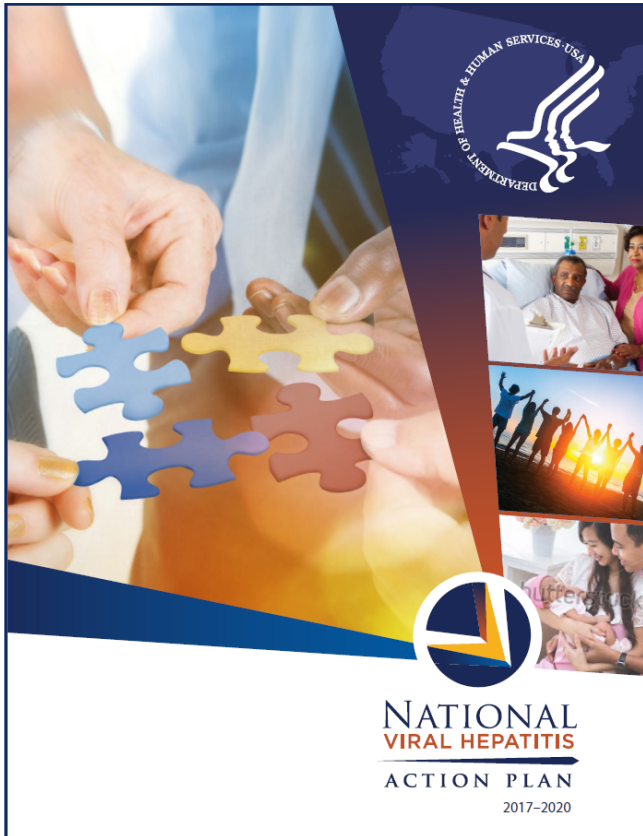
National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan 2017-2020

The United States

will be a place where new viral hepatitis infections have been eliminated, where all people with chronic hepatitis B and C know their status, and everyone with chronic hepatitis B and C has access to high quality health care and curative treatments, free from stigma and discrimination.



National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan 2017 - 2020



- 4 Goals
- 17 Indicators
- 11 Priority Populations

A companion document for stakeholders: the **Partner Planning Guide** is an easy tool to support development of state/local action plans.



Partner Planning Guide 2017 - 2020

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Know your epidemiology: review information on the local epidemic, including rates of new infections, demographics, etc., to identify **areas of need**.

1



Know your capacity: assess organizational and partnership capacity and alignment with identified needs.

2



Set your goals: select Action Plan goals that align with the needs.

3



Choose the best strategies: from Action Plan strategies that align with capacities and needs.

4



Engage stakeholders: using questions in the planning guide related to the strategies, discuss, and plan **specific actions**.

5



Plan your actions: complete the Action Planning Sheets to share and **coordinate to implement** the actions.

6



Partner Planning Guide Steps

1. Know your epidemiology
2. Know your capacity
3. Set your goals
4. Choose the best strategies
5. Engage stakeholders
6. Plan your actions

It may be useful to ask questions such as:

- What data are available that can help monitor the viral hepatitis epidemic?
- Which goals (and targets) from the Action Plan can we adopt? Which goals need to be modified to fit the epidemic in our populations or areas?

Using Indicators Helps Track Progress

1. Set Achievable Targets
2. Establish Indicators of Progress

Federal Partners are Addressing Hepatitis B

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OMH U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health

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Final Recommendation Statement

Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnant Women: Screening

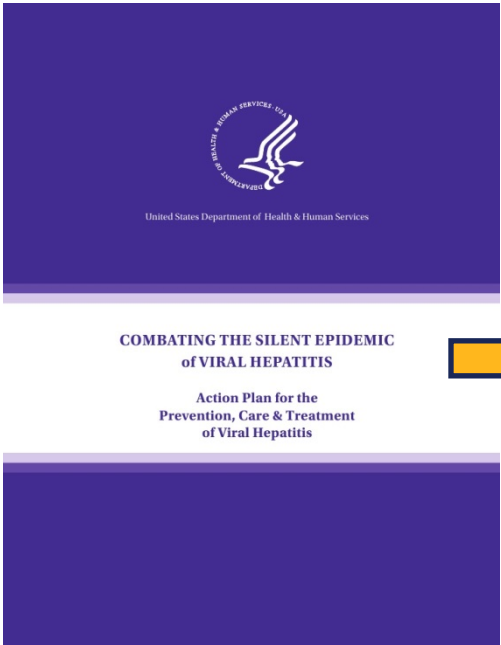
Recommendations made by the USPSTF are independent of the U.S. government. They should not be construed as an official position of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Recommendation Summary		Grade (What's This?)
Population	Recommendation	
Pregnant women	The USPSTF recommends screening for hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection in pregnant women at their first prenatal visit	A

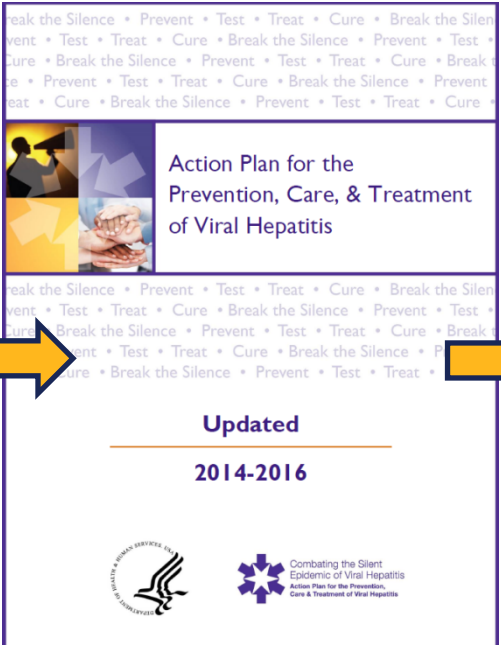
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The Evolution of Viral Hepatitis Strategic Planning

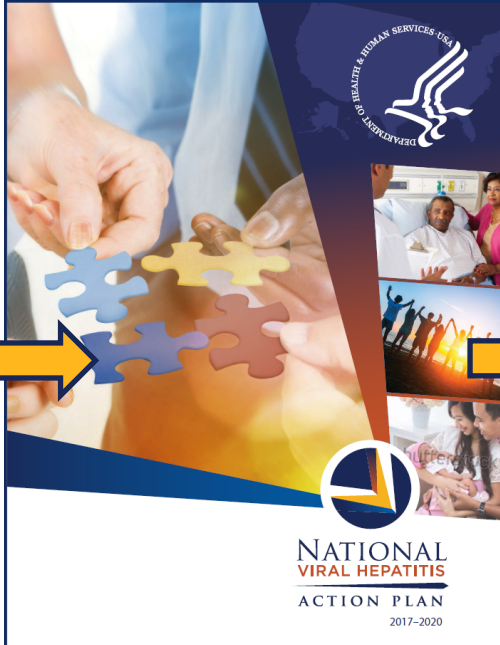
2011



2014



2017



Federal Viral Hepatitis Implementation Group Members

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)
- Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP)
- Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)
- Office of Minority Health (OMH)
- Office of Population Affairs (OPA)
- Office of the Surgeon General (OSG)
- Office on Women's Health (OWH) 0

- Regional Health Offices (RHOs)
- Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

- Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)

- Civil Rights Division
- Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

- Veterans Health Administration (VHA)



Developing the Next National Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan: Progress and Timeline

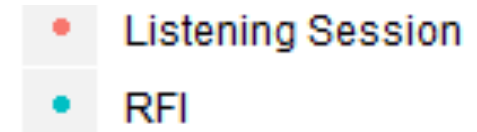
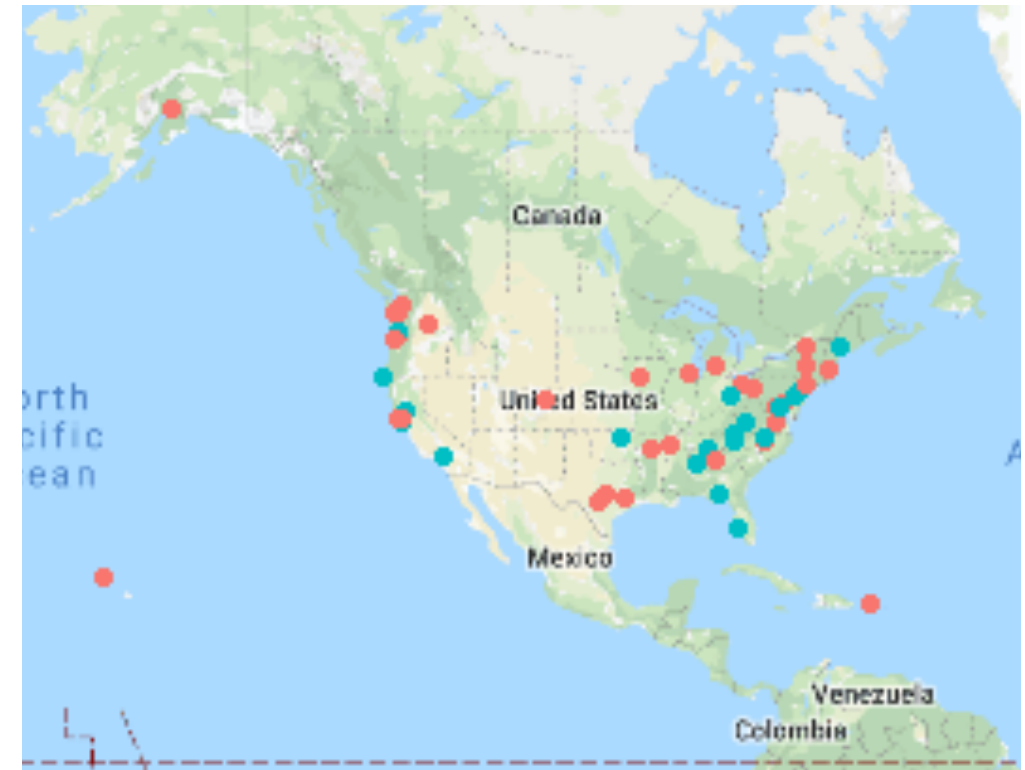
- Target date for release: 2020 (current iteration expires 2020)
- Federal Steering Committee has been meeting bi-monthly since January 2019
 - Identifying a small number of high priority populations
 - Consider prioritization of strategies based on evidence of impact
- VH subcommittees are tasked with developing/prioritizing strategies for each goal
 - Indicators co-chair from CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH), Epidemiology Branch
 - ✓ Participation by Healthy People 2030 staff to help ensure alignment
 - Prevention and Care co-chair from CDC DVH, Prevention Branch
 - Disparities & Coordination co-chair from HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau
- Public comment analysis presented to Steering Committee and subcommittees



VH - Community Engagement/ Public Comments

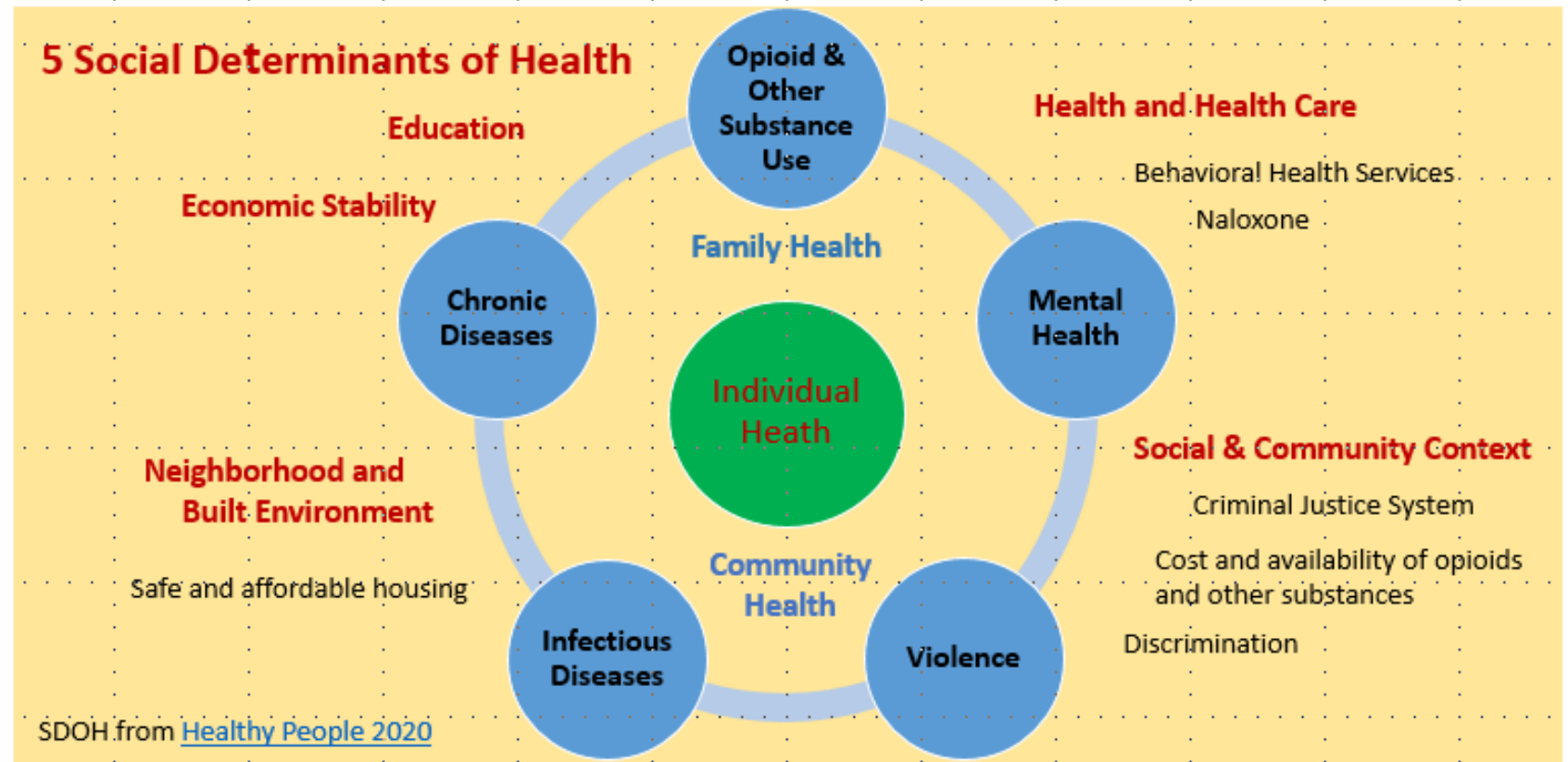
- Listening Sessions
 - 18 sessions from September 2018 – March 2019
 - ✓ 5 National Conferences
 - ✓ 2 National Virtual Meetings
 - ✓ 7 State/Regional Community Planning/ Stakeholder Meetings
 - ✓ 2 Local HIV Prevention Trainings (MT, USVI)
 - ✓ 2 Federal Advisory Committees
 - 426 Total Comments (VH 255/HIV 312)
- RFI Comments
 - RFI open February - March 2019
 - 80 Sets of Comments Received (VH 28, HIV 49)

Map of Comment Locations



SYNDEMICS (Synergistic Epidemics)

A set of interconnected health problems that often have common root causes and often interact synergistically, with one problem making the other worse.



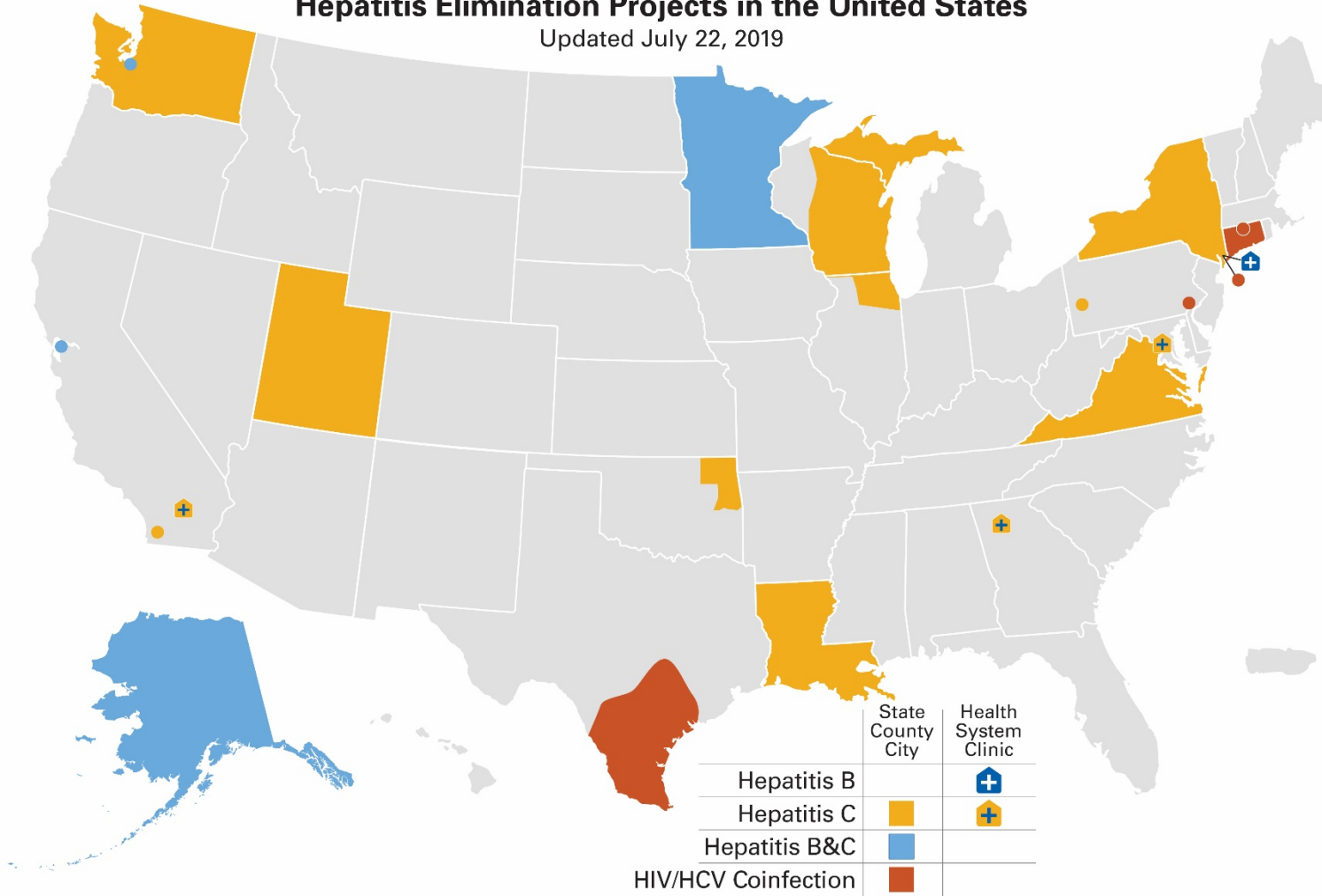
A Growing Number of States, Regions, and Organizations Are Committing to Viral Hepatitis Elimination

- In March 2019, the HHS Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy (OHAIDP) invited states and organizations to share their work toward viral hepatitis elimination.
- The goals of Mapping Hepatitis Elimination in Action are to:
 - help stakeholders find others who believe it is feasible to eliminate the public health threat of viral hepatitis;
 - provide the opportunity to learn from and contact others who are pursuing similar goals;
 - expand support for elimination efforts by identifying existing efforts that stakeholders can join; and
 - raise awareness of the growing number of states, local jurisdictions and non-governmental organizations that are setting their sights on achieving the elimination of viral hepatitis among the people they serve.



Hepatitis Elimination Projects in the United States

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Elimination Projects Overview:

- 4 clinics/health systems
- 18 state/regional
- 5 national (not shown on map)

Focus:

HBV: 1 plan

HCV: 12 plans

HBV & HCV: 4 plans

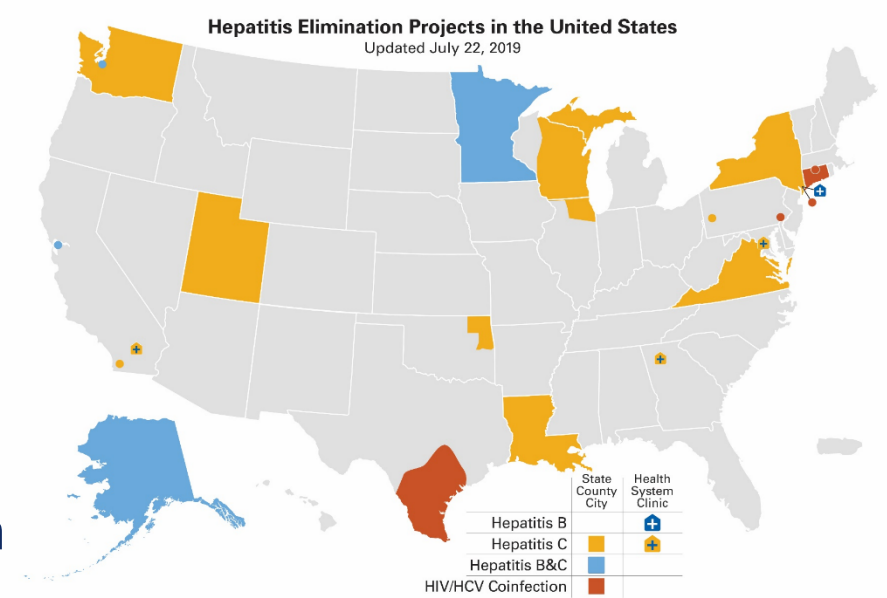
HIV/HCV: 5 plans



Mapping Hepatitis Elimination

Overview of efforts:

- Local clinics/health systems:
 - Focus on linkage to care
- State/Regional:
 - Frequent involvement of state departments of health
 - Task forces and coalitions
 - Micro-elimination in hard-hit or high-risk areas (e.g., Appalachia)
- National:
 - Federally supported programs HRSA, VA, SAMHSA.
 - Themes include: screening, substance use disorder treatment



Mapping Hepatitis Elimination in Action - Ongoing

- The map will be updated frequently
- Newly established state, regional, and organizational hepatitis elimination projects are invited to join.
 - To be added to the Map, send a brief description along with links to online information and the best contact for the project to: Corinna.Dan@hhs.gov
 - Use the Partner Planning Guide to develop elimination plans for your area/organization <https://www.hhs.gov/hepatitis/get-involved/partner-resources/index.html>
 - Visit www.HHS.gov/hepatitis as we work with elimination projects to share more information about what is working for them





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