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Strategically Addressing Viral Hepatitis 2020 SYNChronicity



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Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)

- Provides strategic leadership and management, while encouraging collaboration, coordination, and innovation among federal agencies and stakeholders to reduce the burden of infectious diseases.
- Health policy and program issues related to:
 - HIV/AIDS;
 - Viral hepatitis;
 - Vaccines;
 - Sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
 - Other infectious diseases of public health significance; and
 - Blood and tissue safety and availability in the U.S.



National Strategies Coordinated by ODP

- HIV National Strategic Plan (HIV Plan)
 - Current National HIV/AIDS Strategy expires 2020
- Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan (Hepatitis Plan)
 - Current National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan expires 2020
- Sexually Transmitted Infections National Strategic Plan (STI Plan)
 - First ever federal STI Plan
- National Vaccine Plan (Vaccine Plan)

□ *Releases planned for 2020*



National Strategic Plans – Coordinating Across Four Areas

OIDP is using a consensus approach to developing strategic plan documents

- Federal Steering Committees comprised of leadership throughout HHS and other federal departments
- Integrated approach across plans to address the syndemic
- Stakeholder input: Requests for Information (Federal Register), listening sessions, advisory committees consultation
- Aligned with Ending the HIV Epidemic, Healthy People 2030, and other initiatives
- Five-year plans (2021-2025) with annual targets through 2030
- Federal implementation plans to be developed following each strategic plan



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ENGAGING THE SYNDEMIC

HHS 5-POINT STRATEGY TO COMBAT THE OPIOIDS CRISIS

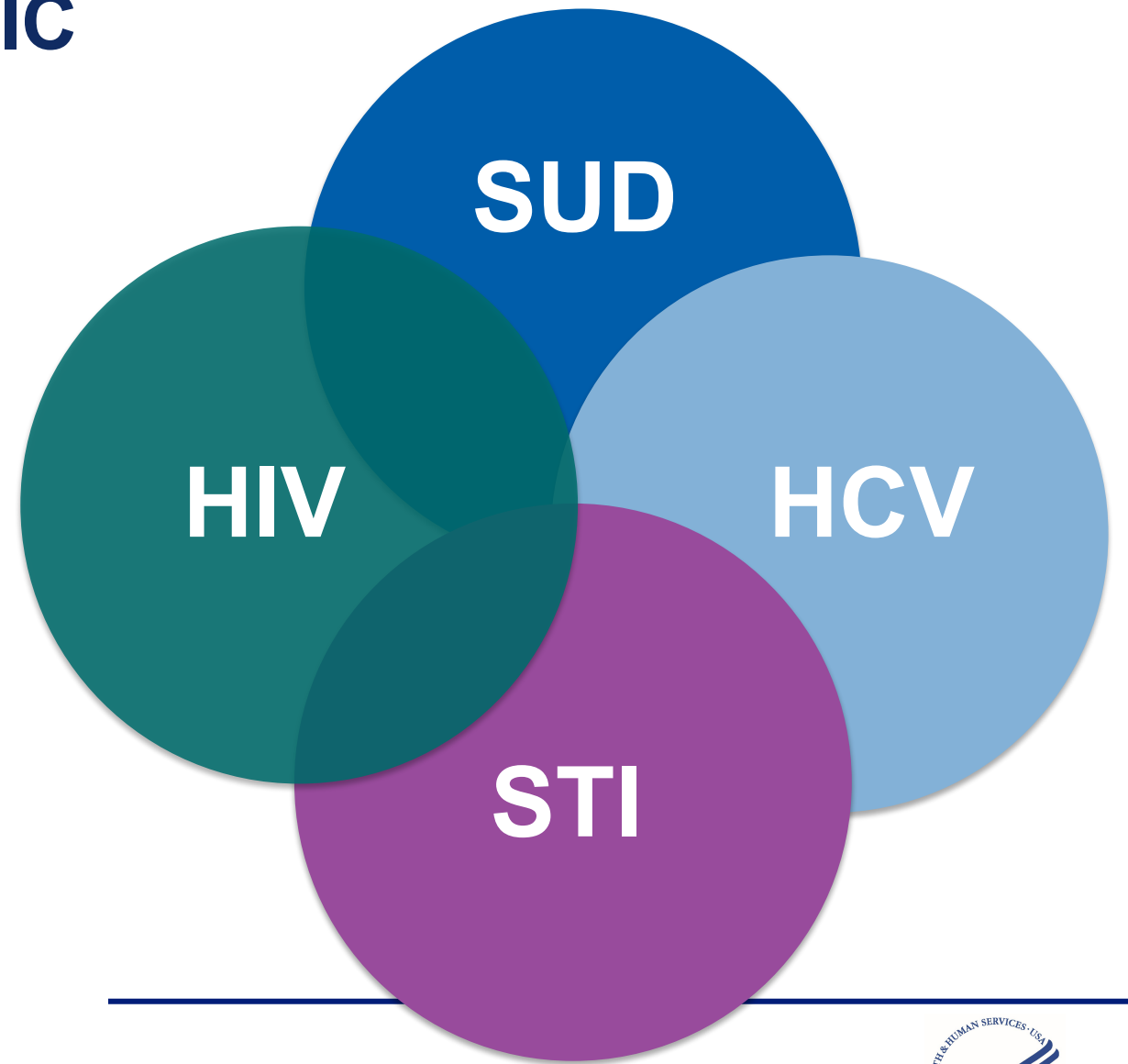
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Better addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services	Better data	Better pain management	Better targeting of overdose reversing drugs	Better research

Ending the HIV Epidemic

National Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025
In Progress

National Vaccine Plan 2020 - 2025
In Progress

1st STI Federal Action Plan 2020 - 2025
In Progress



Impact of COVID-19 on Viral Hepatitis Programs

We recognize that the response to COVID-19 has been a top priority for many people across the United States. **Thank you** for your unwavering commitment to supporting this vital response.

- Many HIV, hepatitis, and STI health department staff are being detailed to state and local COVID-19 efforts, putting an additional strain on already lean programs.
- CDC posted [What to Know About Liver Disease and COVID-19](#)
- Opportunities presented by the pandemic include: integrated infectious disease testing, innovations in delivering SSP services, expanded telehealth, scope of practice, and access to substance use disorder treatment.

Together, we can work to provide our families, friends, and communities with information and resources needed to stay healthy and protect ourselves from COVID-19 and viral hepatitis.



Hepatitis C Medicaid Affinity Group



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Overview and Purpose of The Hepatitis C Medicaid Affinity Group

Foster state collaboration and the sharing of promising practices

Support states in developing and implementing innovative HCV-related policies and programs

Increase the number and percentage of individuals screened and treated for HCV

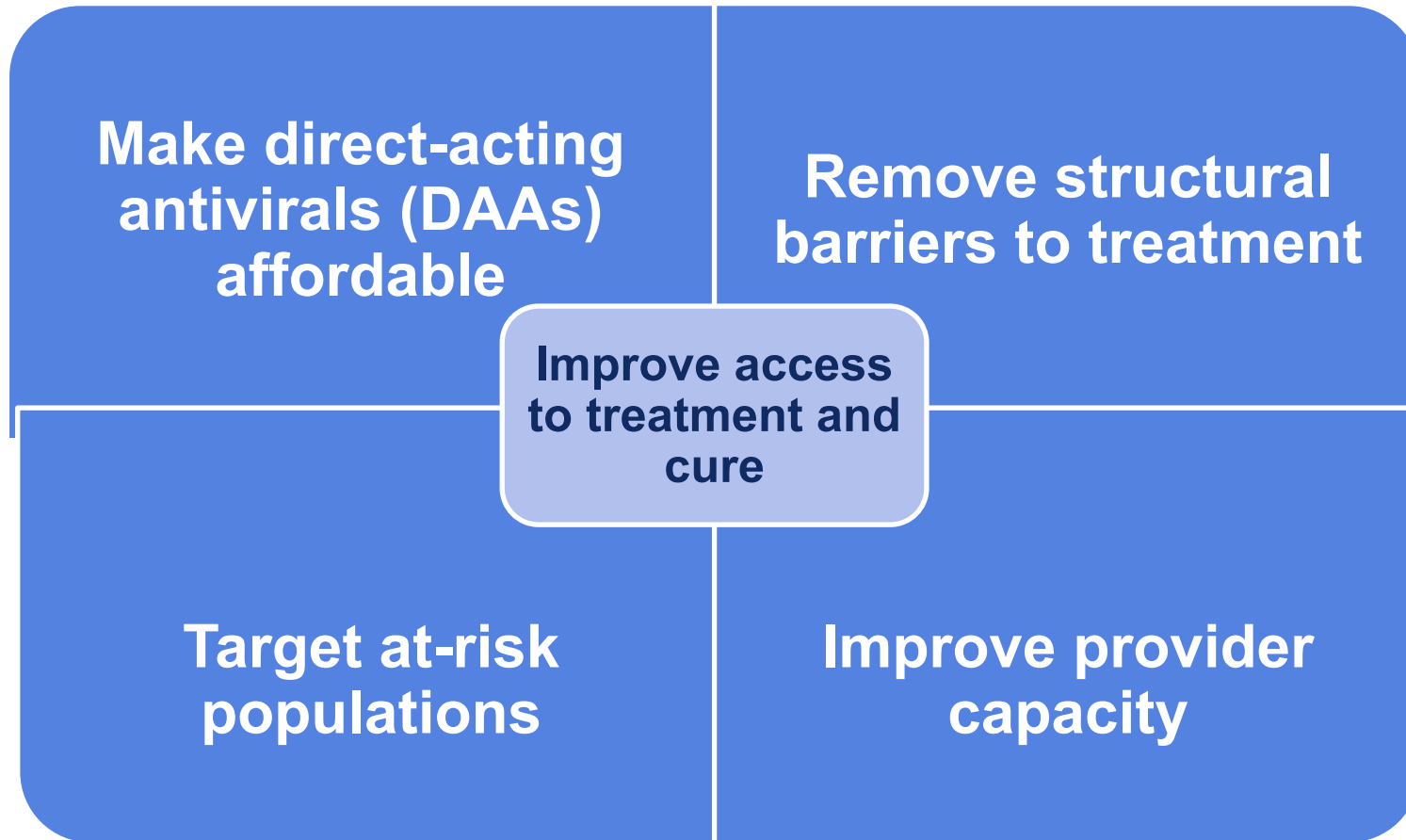


Federal and State Partners Engaged in Hepatitis C Medicaid Affinity Group

- Federal partners
 - Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - ✓ HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)
 - ✓ Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- State participants
 - 19 states and jurisdictions have participated over the three years
 - Participating state agencies include Medicaid, public health, corrections, and behavioral health



Examples - State Action Plans and Strategies



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Building Provider Capacity

- Providers don't always feel capable of managing HCV treatment
- State strategies:
 - Indiana: Implement Project ECHO model to train primary care providers
 - Tennessee: Create a provider survey to assess training needs
 - Michigan and Wisconsin: Identify counties with high HCV prevalence and few DAA prescribers



Data from Five State Medicaid Programs*

HCV Screening and Treatment within Select State Medicaid Programs

	Average (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
1. HCV Screening	7.4	1.0	19.1
1a. Baby boomers	9.5	2.1	22.6
1b. PWID	30.5	2.8	61.3
2. Confirmation of Diagnosis	67.1	43.9	92.3
3. Chronic HCV Prevalence	1.3	0.9	2.6
4a. Treatment of Chronic HCV (1 claim)	21.0	9.4	39.2
4b. Treatment of Chronic HCV (2 claims)	16.4	7.2	29.4
5. Post-Treatment Care	42.9	3.7	64.2

* Data collected as part of Medicaid Affinity Group activities. Based on Medicaid claims data submitted by five participating states.



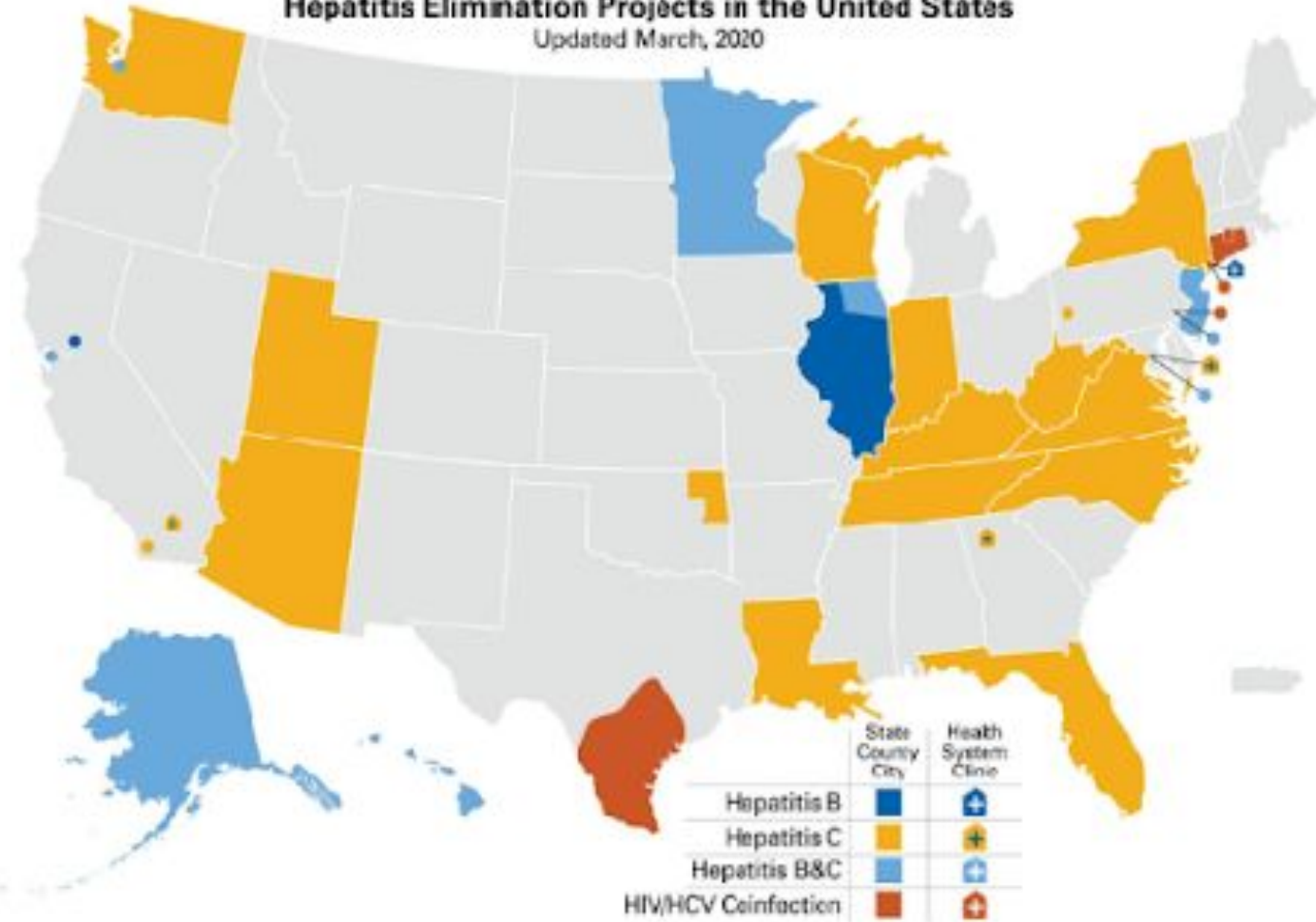
A Growing Number of States, Regions, and Organizations Are Committing to Viral Hepatitis Elimination

- In March 2019, OIDP invited states, local jurisdictions and organizations to share their work toward viral hepatitis elimination.
- Mapping Hepatitis Elimination in Action goals:
 - help stakeholders find others who think 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:

- 3 clinics/health systems
- 23 state/regional
- 5 national/multiple locations (not shown on map)

Focus:

HBV: 7 plans

HCV: 21 plans

HBV & HCV: 5 plans

HIV/HCV: 2 plans

HIV/HBV/HCV: 1

<https://www.hhs.gov/hepatitis/get-involved/hepatitis-elimination/>



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Resources and Contacts

Additional resources:

- HHS Hepatitis C Medicaid Affinity Group materials: <https://www.hhs.gov/hepatitis/action-plan/federal-response/hepatitis-c-medicaid-affinity-group/index.html>
- Hepatitis Elimination Projects: <https://www.hhs.gov/hepatitis/get-involved/hepatitis-elimination>
- National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan: <https://www.hhs.gov/hepatitis/action-plan/national-viral-hepatitis-action-plan-overview/index.html>
- Partner Planning Guide: https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/Partner_Planning_Guide.pdf

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