

Provider Notice

This is being sent on behalf of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Behavioral Health Providers and Stakeholders,

Hepatitis C is under-diagnosed and under-treated. Less than 20% of individuals with a Hepatitis C diagnosis receive treatment. Evidence has shown that HCV treatment has a 90% cure rate. Despite this evidence, individuals with Hepatitis C continue to go without care. Since 2011, there has been an over two-fold increase in new cases of Hepatitis C among 18-30-year-olds. This increase presents significant challenges to our Medicaid members, including decreased quality of life and increased mortality rates. Diagnosis and treatment are key to halt the crisis, save lives, and prevent further transmission of Hepatitis C.

The topics of the webinar will include Virginia Medicaid Policy Updates, Virginia Hepatitis C Rates, Current Treatment Rates, Hepatitis C Treatment Guidelines, Interrupted Treatment Dosage, and Clinician Resources for Treatment. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Health, University of Virginia School of Medicine and UCSF National Clinician Consultation Center are facilitating a webinar to discuss the importance of Hepatitis C treatment and provide tools to assist with treatment.

We encourage you to join us on **September 8, 2020 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Target audience: Prescribers, private practices, FQHCs, CSBs, Local Health Department, Free Care Clinics, health systems

To register for the event:

<https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1cc6767406e48995d938b544205f18a5>

The following presenters will attend:

- Chethan Bachireddy, MD, MSc, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Kaitlyn Hauter, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Program Coordinator and Nicole Barron, MS, Viral Hepatitis Testing Coordinator, Virginia Department of Health
- Rebecca Dillingham, MD, MPH, University of Virginia School of Medicine
- Cristina Gruta, PharmD, Senior Consultant, UCSF National Clinician Consultation Center
- Carolyn Chu, MD, MSc, Clinical Director, UCSF National Clinician Consultation Center
- Terry Knick BSN-BC, MPH, University of Virginia School of Medicine

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