

2021

YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks to the work of dedicated advocates from across the country, 2021 was a year of great progress towards eliminating viral hepatitis. NVHR is proud to have contributed to these successes at the national, state, and local levels, and we look forward to putting in the work to solve existing and future challenges. In line with our Strategic Objectives for 2021-2023, read below to see the progress we made in the last year, and the momentum we have built for 2022!

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

9

Fact sheets, toolkits, and blogs developed by NVHR

20

NVHR webinars and partner presentations

11

State Medicaid programs who have removed prior authorization for HCV treatment

289

#Voices4Hep members and growing

100+

Viral Hepatitis Policy Summit & Hill Day attendees

VIRAL HEPATITIS MILESTONES OF 2021

HHS announced for first time their goal to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030 & released an initial elimination strategy

The Biden Administration recognized National Hepatitis Testing Day

CDC released viral hepatitis surveillance & case management guidance for state, territorial & local health departments

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended universal HBV vaccination for adults ages 19-59

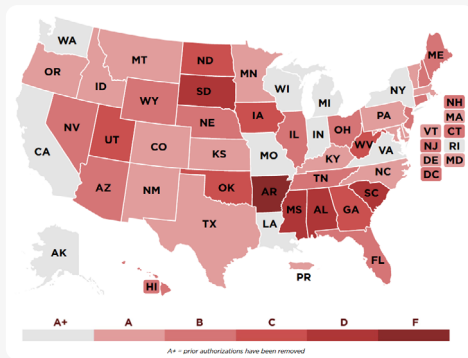
FDA reclassified certain HCV diagnostics tests which should spur innovation to make hepatitis C testing more accessible

NVHR strengthened our national coalition & strategic partnerships

- Launched new website with additional tools & [resources](#) to empower advocates
- Produced numerous [toolkits](#), [fact sheets](#), blogs & [webinars](#) to inform & engage our network
- Co-chaired virtual summit on eliminating hepatitis C among people who use drugs in Appalachia
- Expanded audiences and reach of presentations with partners on topics including elimination planning, universal screening, coalition building & more

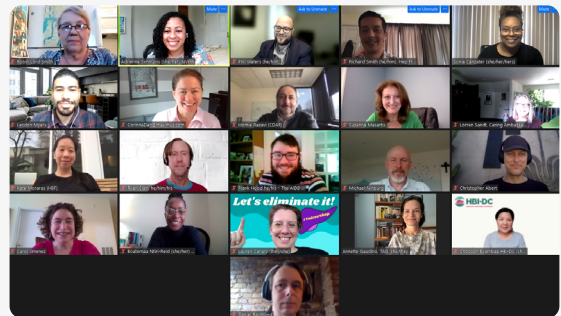
NVHR helped lead the viral hepatitis community in elimination advocacy efforts

- Co-led largest ever Viral Hepatitis Policy Summit & Hill Day
- Advocated for increased access to HCV treatment for Medicaid recipients with [Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access](#)
- Served as leading voices on viral hepatitis elimination task forces, coalitions, and professional society committees
- Engaged federal leadership from HHS, CDC, SAMHSA, and ONDCP on hepatitis priorities for action



NVHR expanded the reach & leveraged the power of our grassroots advocacy network

- Secured proclamations for World Hepatitis Day & National Hepatitis Testing Day across states
- Mobilized advocates to advance elimination through technical assistance and mentorship
- Raised awareness through I am [#HepAware](#) stories and garnered media attention around issues in [Kentucky](#) & [Texas](#)
- Grew the attendance for our monthly [grassroots advocacy calls](#) by 20%



Building momentum in 2022

- Address long-standing health inequities in viral hepatitis treatment, vaccination, testing & linkage to care by advocating for comprehensive federal & state elimination plans
- Advocate for funding & resources to meet viral hepatitis elimination targets in alignment with [Hep ElimINATION](#)
- Push for removal of prior authorization & treatment access barriers within state Medicaid programs in alignment with [Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access](#)
- Respond to the spike in viral hepatitis rates associated with injection drug use through a new collaboration with NASTAD and NACCHO