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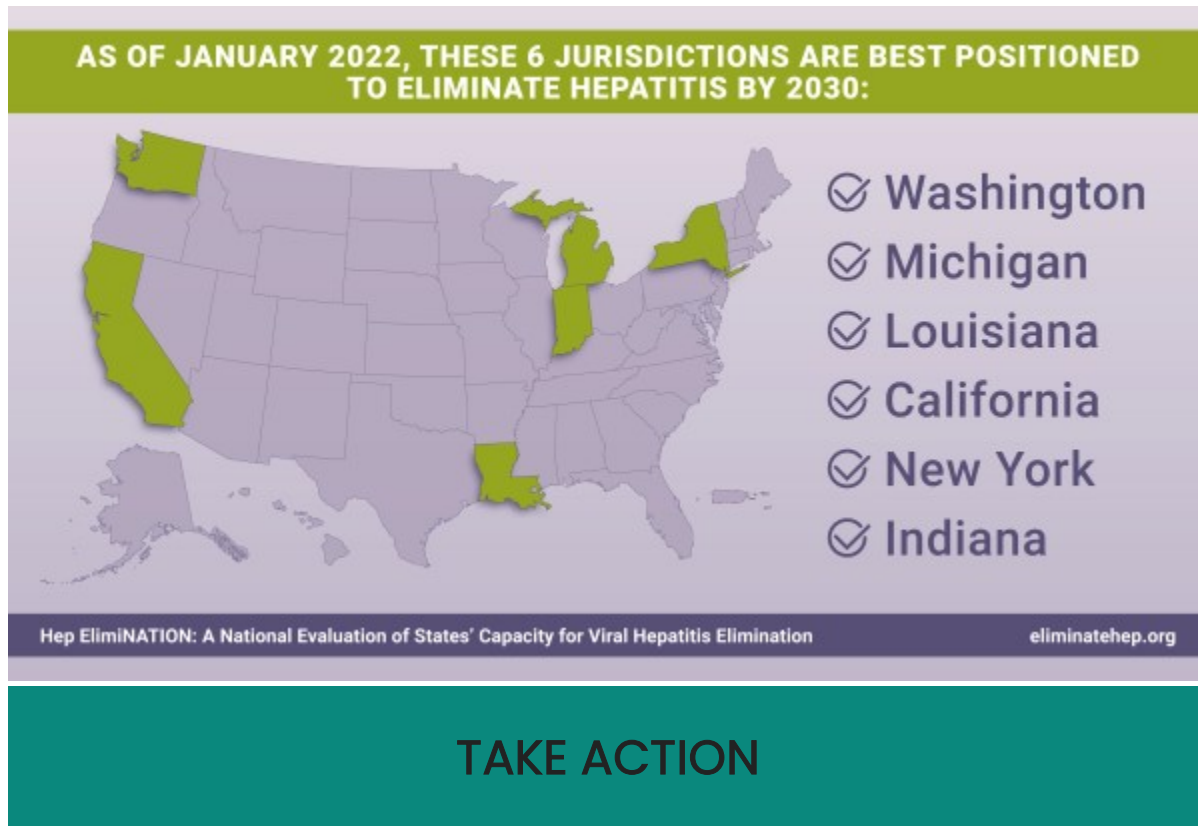


Last week, NVHR, the O'Neill Institute, and the Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation (CHLPI) officially launched [Hep ElimiNATION](#), a new project to help bring awareness to policymakers, public health agencies, and communities across the 50 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico about a broad range of key considerations for viral hepatitis elimination. On behalf of the full project team, we thank you for your support of the project and your continued work to advance elimination in your community. If you missed or would like to rewatch a recording of last week's launch webinar, [please click here](#).

Six jurisdictions received an A-grade for their current capacity to meet the World Health Organization's (WHO) goal to eliminate hepatitis by 2030: **California, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, and Washington.**

We are inviting stakeholders to provide feedback on their jurisdiction's preliminary grade. The public comment submission form may be accessed on the [Hep ElimiNATION website](#). Comments will be accepted until **April 15, 2022**. Any score modifications resulting from this comment period will be reflected in the June 2022 update.

Please reach out to Adrienne Simmons, NVHR Director of Programs for any questions or to learn more about how you can get involved in elimination efforts in your jurisdiction: adrienne@nvhr.org



[Write a Letter to the](#)

[Editor](#): Write to your local newspaper about the importance of elimination planning using our letter to the editor toolkit.

[Get Involved in Elimination](#)

[Planning](#): Reach out to your state's viral hepatitis coordinator to get involved with elimination planning using our toolkit.

Contribute to Your State's Elimination Planning Efforts with These Resources

Share the News on Social

Media: Share your state's grade on social media using our social media toolkit.

Contact your Governor: Write a letter to your governor about gaps and opportunities in elimination planning and call on them to fund a comprehensive elimination strategy.

Join or Build a Coalition: Join an active coalition or start a new one in your state to coordinate and amplify advocacy efforts.

POLICY UPDATES

Share Your Support for the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act. End Substance Use Disorder ([EndSUD](#)) is coordinating a week of action urging congressional action on the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act to increase access to buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder. Reach out to your representatives using EndSUD's [social media toolkit](#), [email template](#), and [phone call script](#), or [write a letter to your representative](#) using NVHR's toolkit.

Virginia and Alaska [Remove Prior Authorization](#) for Hepatitis C Treatment for Medicaid Recipients. Effective as of January 2022, Virginia and Alaska become the tenth and eleventh states

across the country to remove prior authorization requirements for hepatitis C treatment, joining a growing number of states to increase access for Medicaid recipients.

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Community Partners Release Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan. [The plan](#) sets forth strategies to reduce new hepatitis C infections by 90%, premature deaths among people with chronic hepatitis B and chronic hepatitis C by 65%, and health inequities related to viral hepatitis. The NYC Health Department is partnering with the Hep Free NYC coalition for plan implementation.

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Webinar: The State of Hepatitis B

Join Hep B United and the World Hepatitis Alliance for an update on the state of hepatitis B. Panelists will discuss recently published prevalence estimates of hepatitis B both globally and in the U.S., and efforts to eliminate hepatitis B.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10AM ET

[Register Here](#)



NVHR is Hiring!

NVHR is looking for a new Coalition and Capacity Building Manager to help build the capacity of coalition members to improve viral hepatitis education, prevention, testing and linkage to care and treatment among people who use drugs.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the position and please share with your networks. We

are accepting applications through January 28.

Apply by January 28, 2022

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)



Apply for SAMHSA's Harm Reduction Grant Program

SAMHSA is now accepting applications for its new SAMHSA Harm Reduction grant program and expects to issue \$30 million in grant awards. The funding will help increase access to a range of community harm reduction programs and support harm reduction service providers as they work to help prevent overdose deaths and reduce health risks often associated with drug use.

Application Due Date is Monday, February 7, 2022

[Learn More Here](#)



Hepatitis Advocacy Learning Online (HALO) – Session 2

NVHR hosted our first HALO session last month. Thank you to our guest speakers **Emily McCloskey** of NASTAD and **Ryan Clary** of Clary Strategies, and to the advocates who joined us. We are looking forward to our the next session, **Legislative Advocacy**

Skills Part 2: How to Influence Government Through Advocacy.

Registration for the current cohort has closed, but if you are interested in joining a future cohort, please reach out to [Robin Lord Smith](#), NVHR Community and Engagement Coordinator.

[Click here](#) to learn more about HALO



Wake County Department of Health & Human Services Launches Hepatitis C Program

The Wake County, NC Department of Health & Human Services (WCHHS) recently published new abstract data on hepatitis C rates in Wake County. Visit their website to review the data and learn more about the work being done in the community.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

LATEST NEWS

HepMag: [“Hep Elimination” to Assess and Guide U.S. Efforts to End Hepatitis](#)

KITV4: [Hawai‘i receives “B” grade on national viral hepatitis report card](#)

The Washington Post: [Opinion: More than 1 million have died in the overdose crisis, but still the response is scandalously inadequate](#)

The Hill: [After a brutal year of overdose deaths, the US needs urgent, coordinated action](#)

ACP Internist: [Improving HCV treatment and screening in primary care](#)



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