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National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

Join NVHR and the Hepatitis Appropriations Partnership (HAP) for three upcoming sessions of the 2022 Hepatitis Policy & Advocacy Summit. The third session, hosted by NVHR Director of Policy Daniel Raymond, will be [Overdose and Hepatitis on Monday, March 28th at 2:30pm ET](#). The event will feature an important dialogue with federal officials, policy experts, and advocates about the overdose and viral hepatitis syndemic.

Opening remarks:

- Dr. Rahul Gupta, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Federal panel:

- Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC
- Harold Phillips, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
- A representative from SAMHSA [invited]

Policy & advocacy panel:

- Tracie Gardner, Senior Vice President of Policy Advocacy, Legal Action Center
- Vinay Krishnan, National Field Organizer, Center for Popular Democracy
- Regina LaBelle, Director, Addiction and Public Policy Initiative, Georgetown University O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law

Click the button below to register in advance for the event. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The month-long series of micro-summits will be followed by a **Hill Day on April 11, 2022**. Fill out [this registration form](#) to join hepatitis providers and advocates from your state/jurisdiction for a virtual hill visit with your elected leaders. All participants will receive calendar invites to their scheduled hill visits (each visit is 30 minutes long) as they are booked.

Please reach out to Julio Contreras with NASTAD (icontreras@nastad.org) with any questions.

Be sure to join us for HAP's other conversations listed below:

- Hepatitis and Maternal/Child Health – March 24 at 1:00pm ET ([Register Here](#))
- Federal Leadership and Congressional Advocacy – Week of April 4 (Date and registration to come)

2022 HEPATITIS POLICY & ADVOCACY SUMMIT
Hosted by the Hepatitis Appropriations Partnership (HAP)

Hepatitis & Overdose

Monday, March 28th
2:30PM ET

Register Now!

THE AIDS INSTITUTE **NASTAD** **Hep B United** **HEPATITIS B FOUNDATION** **NVHR**
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

TAKE ACTION



The Hep ElimiNATION team
wants to hear from you!

SUBMIT A PUBLIC COMMENT BY APRIL 15, 2022

ELIMINATEHEP.ORG

Submit a Public Comment on Your Jurisdiction's Hep ElimiNATION Grade

Hep ElimiNATION is open for public comment to gather input on states' grades. Comments will be reviewed by the Project Team prior to releasing final grades in our June update.

Additionally, the Project Team is developing a curated list of resources to support elimination planning, to be released in the coming weeks.

Submit a Comment Below!

To submit a comment, please click on the button below or email Sonia Canzater: sc1574@georgetown.edu. Additionally, please email Sonia Canzater if there are specific resources you'd like to see included in the curated list of resources.

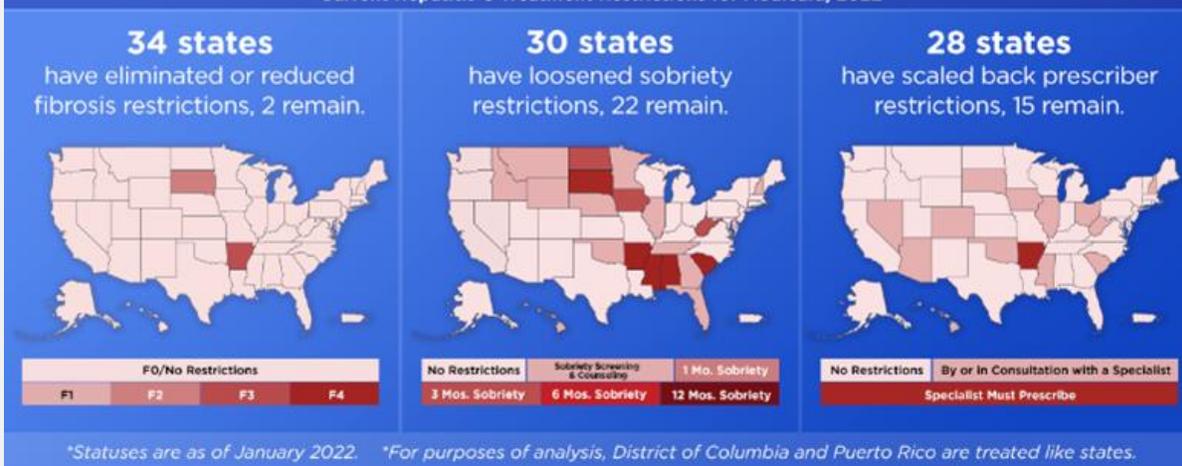
Information about public comment is available on the [Hep ElimiNATION website](#).

**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A
COMMENT**

POLICY UPDATES

Hepatitis C treatment restrictions have **lessened** over the last decade since the **introduction of direct-acting antivirals (DAAs)**. Fewer treatment restrictions allow for **increased access to Hepatitis C treatment** for patients in Medicaid programs.

Current Hepatitis C Treatment Restrictions for Medicaid, 2022



HepVu.org

SOURCE: CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW AND POLICY INNOVATION & NATIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS ROUNDTABLE



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HepVu Updates Treatment Restrictions Data. HepVu added updated data and [comparison maps](#) visualizing hepatitis C treatment restrictions at the state-level from 2017 to 2022, utilizing insights and research findings provided by the Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation (CHLPI) at Harvard Law and NVHR. HepVu also released a new map visualizing the use of prior authorizations, in addition to updated [state profiles](#) that show each state Medicaid program's Hepatitis C treatment restrictions. These new data and visualizations document the changing Hepatitis C treatment restrictions landscape. [Click here to view the map.](#)

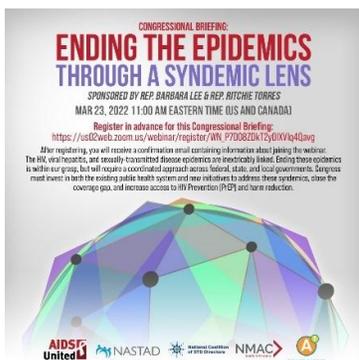
Congress Passes Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Package.

The bill included an increase of \$5 million for the CDC's Eliminating Opioid Related Infectious Disease Program, which was less than the funding levels recommended by House and Senate committees. NVHR Director of Policy Daniel Raymond responded to the omnibus, saying in a statement, "If the United States is going to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030, a goal set out by the World Health Organization, it must appropriately fund programs that will make that goal a reality." Raymond urges Congress and the Administration to "commit to substantial increases in FY 2023 funding to achieve the promise of

eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat in this decade.” Read the full [statement](#).

Eliminating Hepatitis Among People Who Use Drugs in Appalachia. The number of acute HCV infections reported in the United States has increased every year from 2012 through 2019, and four of the seven states that are especially hard hit by HCV are in Appalachia. NVHR Director of Policy Daniel Raymond and Community Liver Alliance CEO Suzanna Masartis recently sat down with HepVu to discuss the issue. The Q&A will be available later this week on HepVu’s website. This follows a summit that the two led in November of 2021 on the same topic. A meeting [summary](#) and [recording](#) are both available.

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Virtual Panel Discussion: Ending the Epidemics through a Syndemic Lens | In conjunction with: Sen. Tina Smith, Rep. Barbara Lee and Rep. Ritchie Torres

The Partnership to END HIV, STDs & Viral Hepatitis is hosting a discussion on new initiatives to comprehensively address the HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually-transmitted disease epidemics. The event will be moderated by NASTAD Executive Director **Stephen Lee, MD, MBA**. Presenters will include:

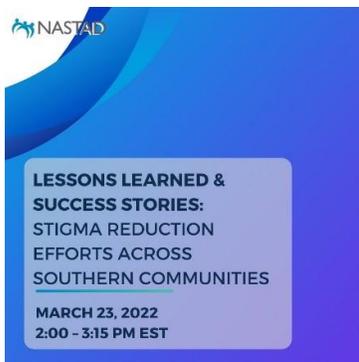
- **Harold J. Phillips, MRP** | Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP)
- **Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH** | Director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) in the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention

(NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- **Natalie Vanek, MD** | Legacy Community Health, Houston, TX

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM ET

[Register Here](#)



NASTAD Webinar: Lessons Learned & Success Stories: Stigma Reduction Efforts Across Southern Communities

As Health Departments (HDs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) begin to combat HIV stigma across policy and programs, they can leverage successful strategies from across the South to identify areas for new engagement and more comprehensive planning with key populations. This webinar will highlight high-impact lessons learned from the CBO perspective while offering attendees the space to explore how to meet existing challenges at home with peer-to-peer collaboration. While stigma presents differently in every community, this webinar will spotlight high-level patterns, opportunities for success, and gaps that may exist institutionally.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 2:00 PM ET

[Register Here](#)



**NATIONAL
NURSE-LED CARE
CONSORTIUM**
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Learning Collaborative Application: Stepping Through the Viral Hepatitis Elimination Strategy

Join the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) for a 4-session learning collaborative to walk through the [United States Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) National Strategic Plan: A Roadmap to Elimination](#) on preventing hepatitis viral infection.

Join your peers as we translate the federal plan into practical, actionable steps. The focus will be on implementation planning, scaling-up, enhancing and improving comprehensive services and continuity of care within health centers.

Featured guests are from HHS and a public health department, as well as health centers who will all share their successful strategies moving toward viral hepatitis elimination. Participants will have the chance to build their own implementation plan throughout the four sessions and be able to access resources and templates for the process.

DATES

Thursday, March 24th from 3-4pm ET

Thursday, March 31st from 3-4pm ET

Thursday, April 7th from 3-4pm ET

Thursday, April 14th from 3-4pm ET

Application closes Wednesday, March 23, 2022

[Apply Here](#)



Understanding Disparities in Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer Knowledge & Screening Rates Among Highly Impacted Communities around the United States

Join HBF for a discussion as they review data and preliminary conclusions from a recent study examining disparities in hepatitis B and liver cancer awareness, knowledge, and screening rates among Asian American, Pacific Islander, African, and Caribbean communities around the United States, and discuss these conclusions with community members who served as advisors and focus group leaders during the project. Community advisors and focus group leaders will share their thoughts and insights about the project, and will also discuss their own work on the topic of closing disparities in liver cancer awareness and knowledge.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM ET

[Apply Here](#)

LATEST NEWS

Health Affairs (by the Hep Elimination Project Team): [Opinion: States Must Act Against Viral Hepatitis Now To Eliminate The Ongoing Epidemic By 2030](#)

The Wall Street Journal: [Opioid Overdose Death Rate for U.S. Black Population Is Higher Than for White](#)



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