



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Valued STAR Providers  
**FROM:** El Paso Health  
**DATE:** 05/30/2024  
**RE:** Texas Medicaid HepCure

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) launched a public health initiative called *Texas Medicaid HepCure* to reduce the rate of Hepatitis C virus (HCV) in Texas. HHSC removed administrative barriers to improve access to HCV treatment for all patients.

Please reference the [Hepatitis C Prescriber Letter Texas Medicaid HepCure](#) for more information.

### **Resources for Providers**

HCV DAAs are safe, associated with high rates of cure, and have few side effects and contraindications. Some HCV patients may need to have their treatment managed by a specialist, such as those with hepatitis B virus or HIV co-infection, those who previously failed HCV treatment, or those with liver cancer or who have had a liver transplant. However, most cases of HCV can be treated by primary care physicians or advanced practice providers. Providers may find the following resources helpful, and can also visit [txvendordrug.com/formulary/hepatitis-c-treatment](http://txvendordrug.com/formulary/hepatitis-c-treatment) for more information on *Texas Medicaid HepCure* and Hepatitis C:

- **CDC Resources:**
  - **Recommended Testing Sequence for Identifying Current HCV Infection:**  
[cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/pdfs/hcv\\_flow.pdf](http://cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/pdfs/hcv_flow.pdf)
  - **Testing Recommendations for HCV infection:**  
[cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/guidelinesc.htm](http://cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/guidelinesc.htm)
  - **Hepatitis C Questions and Answers for Health Professionals:**  
[cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/hcvfaq.htm](http://cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/hcvfaq.htm)



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- **Prescriber Resources:** [www.hcv.com/provider-resources](http://www.hcv.com/provider-resources)
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Resources:**  
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/info/hepatitis-c>
- **Resources from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases:**  
[hcvguidelines.org](http://hcvguidelines.org)
- **Texas Hepatitis C Report Card:** [stateofhepc.org/states/texas/](http://stateofhepc.org/states/texas/)

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