



Performance Note
HB0220 - Hepatitis C Outreach
Pilot Program
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Performance Note Report

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Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose of the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program is to establish funding for private, non-profit organizations that have an established relationship with people at risk for hepatitis C to provide testing, education, and connection to care for those who test positive for hepatitis C.

Services: Funding will allow contracted organizations to provide: i) specimen collection for Hepatitis C testing; ii) clinical assessments; iii) consultation regarding blood-borne diseases; and iv) case management services for patient support during Hepatitis C treatment.

Expected Outcome: Expected outcomes from the program include: 1) Decreased morbidity and mortality associated with hepatitis C and its complications, and 2) Decreased healthcare costs associated with hepatitis C and its complications.

Implementations and Resources: The bill will be implemented through establishment of a pilot program at the Utah Department of Health (UDOH). UDOH staff will create rules to establish program parameters, and will establish an RFP to identify and contract with providers as specified in the bill. UDOH staff will work with contractors to support fulfillment of contract requirements, and will ensure monitoring and reporting occurs as required. There are currently staff working to promote hepatitis C prevention and response within UDOH (federally funded - 1.5 FTE dedicated to support hepatitis C efforts); existing relationships with key stakeholders, and existing expertise and processes for reporting and responding to cases of hepatitis C, will be utilized to assist efforts associated with the bill.

How: Because the program will provide a means for identification, treatment, and care for those with hepatitis C, it is anticipated that: 1) screening for hepatitis C, especially those who are at greatest risk, will increase; 2) identification of cases will increase; 3) connection to care for cases, including initiation of treatment and management, will increase, resulting in prevention of costly complications associated with hepatitis C infection; 4) cases of hepatitis C will be educated on how to prevent transmission, resulting in lower incidence of hepatitis C in the community.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Number of hepatitis C screening tests performed by contractors.

Description: Number of hepatitis C screening tests performed by contractors, reported monthly; goal is to conduct 40 tests per month, or 480 tests per year. FY20 target is based on assuming contracts will be in place by Dec 31, 2020.

Collection Method: Contractors will be required to report the number of screening tests conducted each month to UDOH staff. UDOH staff will document and analyze data each month, and year, and will work with contractors to investigate high or low outliers as identified.

	2020	2021	2022
Target	240.00	480.00	480.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

Goal

Title: Number of newly-identified hepatitis C cases managed by contractors.

Description: Number of newly-identified hepatitis C cases managed by contractors, reported monthly; it is estimated that 30% of screened persons will be positive and require care. Our goal is to achieve a connection to care for 10 newly identified cases per month, or 120 per year. FY20 target is based on assuming contracts will be in place by Dec 31.

Collection Method: Contractors will be required to report the number of newly-identified hepatitis C cases who are connected to care each month to UDOH staff. UDOH staff will document and analyze data each month, and year, and will work with contractors to investigate high or low outliers as identified.

	2020	2021	2022
Target	60.00	120.00	120.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

Goal

Title: Number of contracts established to provide services.

Description: Number of contracts established in order to provide services as noted in the bill. Depending on the number of qualified applicants, our goal will be to establish 1-3 contracts to provide services no later than Dec 31, 2020.

Collection Method: Program Manager will work with the Contract Analyst to ensure accountability and accuracy in reporting stages of contract monthly. Contract Analyst has an existing report which documents stages of each contract

	2020	2021	2022
Target	2.00	2.00	2.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00