

# **Hepatitis Program** 2017 Program Overview



New Mexico is positioned to be one of the first states to achieve Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)
Elimination.

For three major reasons



New Mexico Medicaid covers curative medical treatments.





## Project ECHO

was founded in New Mexico.
Providers statewide connect
to the most recent medical
advances through telehealth.



3 Harm Reduction Program Reduces the likelihood of re-infection for those who have been cured of HCV.

## The Under-30 (U30) HCV Enhanced Surveillance Project

A collaboration with the Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD) for cases of HCV infection in persons under the age of 30.

#### **Provides:**

- ⇒ HCV prevention
- ⇒ Health education and information
- ⇒ Referrals to services and care, including syringe exchange services
- ⇒ Hepatitis A and B vaccinations
- ⇒ Referral for additional testing and treatment services

847 investigations were opened in 2016

### Comparative Infectious Disease Incidence **Hepatitis C** 160 23,000 - 55,000 170.5 **New Mexicans are** 140 estimated to be living with Hepatitis C. Cases per 100,000 **Approximately 44%** 100 of inmates in State **Correction facilities** have Hepatitis C. 60 40 Hepatitis B HIV 20 5.7 6.1

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis C

HΙV

## **Program Goal**

Ensure that New Mexico is a leader and innovator in eliminating hepatitis C by 2030.

## **Prevention Education & Training:**

- Train internal and community partners on rapid point-of-care HCV testing, harm reduction, and navigation to treatment.
- Created the <u>Statewide Comprehensive Plan and Profile of the Epidemic</u> in June of 2016 with the New Mexico Hepatitis C Coalition.

## **Under-30 (U30) HCV Enhanced Surveillance Project**

- An innovative project focusing on individuals who are under 30 years old and diagnosed with HCV.
- It combines surveillance with prevention and linkage-to-care.
- This model has been promoted and replicated in other jurisdictions.

#### Cost Effectiveness

- New Mexico had the fourth highest rates of liver cancer in the country from 2010-2014 (CDC), with over half attributed to HCV:
  - Liver transplant costs: ~ \$150,00-\$250,000
  - Annual post-transplant medication cost: ~ \$12,000

