For three major reasons

1. New Mexico Medicaid covers curative medical treatments.

2. 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.

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

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

- 23,000 - 55,000 New Mexicans are estimated to be living with Hepatitis C.
- Approximately 44% of inmates in State Correction facilities have Hepatitis C.

HIV: 5.7
Hepatitis B: 6.1
Hepatitis C: 170.5

Cases per 100,000

Searchable HIV, STD, Hepatitis and Harm Reduction Resources: www.nmhivguide.org
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 *Statewide Comprehensive Plan and Profile of the Epidemic* 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: ~ $150,000-$250,000
  - Annual post-transplant medication cost: ~ $12,000

State General Funds: $719,000
Federal Funds - from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): $105,000
Tobacco Settlement Fund: $43,000