

NC Viral Hepatitis Task Force

The following **10** goals were identified as central to the ongoing progress toward elimination of viral hepatitis in North Carolina:

- 1. Expand Medicaid**
- 2. Let community and people with lived experience drive response from program planning to implementation, evaluation, and advocacy.**
- 3. Test and treat all individuals in the criminal justice system**
- 4. Fund Bridge Counselors and/or Peer Linkage to Care Specialists**
- 5. Develop low-barrier comprehensive treatment programs in the field that include:**
 - a. Syringe Service Programs**
 - b. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Hepatitis C (HCV)/Hepatitis B (HBV) testing**
 - c. Viral Hepatitis Bridge Counselors and/or Peer Support**
 - d. Hepatitis A (HAV)/HBV Vaccination**
 - e. HCV Disease Staging**
 - f. Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) provider access**
 - g. Field HCV treatment**
- 6. Prioritize Viral Hepatitis in residency programs, and in community-led programs**
- 7. Strengthen harm reduction and hepatitis advocacy**
- 8. Adopt universal testing recommendations and standards**
- 9. Center equity throughout this work**
- 10. Improve data completeness to drive action**

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