

Linkage to Treatment Coordinator Program Goal

- ▶ To link people confirmed to have Hepatitis C to medical treatment and substance use treatment for those experiencing a substance use disorder
- ▶ Data2Care model based on funding and collaboration with the Office of Behavioral Health
 - ▶ Linkage to Treatment Coordinators receive a list from surveillance data for the following:
 - ▶ Medicaid recipients
 - ▶ With a Confirmed Hepatitis C diagnosis
 - ▶ With no record of treatment
 - ▶ Under the age of 39 (as a proxy to connect with people possibly using substances)
 - ▶ We work with providers to identify patients that are lost to follow up to assist in reengaging on a clinic by clinic basis.

Linkage to Treatment Program Data

March 2020 to date

- ▶ The LTCs have attempted to contact 2,923 clients. The
- ▶ The LTCs have made direct contact with 826 clients and provided harm reduction services to 661 (80%) of those clients
- ▶ The LTCs have linked 151 clients to HCV care.

September 2021

- ▶ The LTCs have linked approximately 26 clients to SUD treatment.
- ▶ The LTCs have linked 9 to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment since September 2021

Barriers to Care

- ▶ Unaware of treatment
- ▶ Few providers accepting Medicaid
- ▶ Identifying specialty pharmacies that will fill Epclusa and/or those that will fill the full 90 days
- ▶ Ensuring pharmacy receives all necessary information
- ▶ Behavior contracts
- ▶ Misinformation about MAT
- ▶ Stigma
- ▶ Competing priorities

Services to Address Barriers

- ▶ Troubleshooting medication delays
- ▶ Developing relationships with providers to communicate any delays or assist in maintaining client engagement
- ▶ Connecting clients to social services to retain them in care
- ▶ Provide emotional support to mitigate stigma
- ▶ Provide a brief intervention to move them through the Harm Reduction Continuum
- ▶ Refer to SSPs



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