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Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Elimination: New Mexico Innovation



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ELIMINATING HEPATITIS C
VIRUS IN NEW MEXICO
BY 2030



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

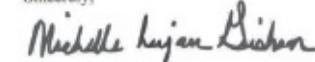
Greetings New Mexicans,

Our state has been a leader and innovator in the response to the hepatitis C virus (HCV) for the past two decades. While we have high rates of this serious infectious disease, we can also be among the first to eliminate HCV as a public health threat by 2030. I urge everyone to work together to achieve this ambitious goal that will save lives and prevent serious health outcomes. The [*EndHepC-NM: New Mexico Vision, Strategy, and Implementation Plan for Eliminating Hepatitis C Virus \(HCV\) by 2030*](#) was drafted by a team of over 90 New Mexico health care professionals, insurance experts, researchers, epidemiologists, community advocates, and state employees. The report illustrates New Mexico's high rates of HCV infection, one of the highest in the nation, with roughly 45,000 people currently living with chronic infection. More importantly, the report describes our progress in prevention, testing and curative treatment, which have moved us towards the day when new infections are rare and the worst health impacts are minimized.

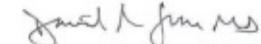
State agencies will continue to play a leading role in HCV elimination. The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) will continue to coordinate statewide work and provide expertise in epidemiology to track progress. The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is essential to ensuring access to curative treatment with the most inclusive Medicaid services in the nation. Funds provided by our administration to the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) ensure access to treatment for incarcerated individuals, as prisoner health is community health. Finally, the expertise of the ECHO Institute at the University of New Mexico will ensure access to prevention, testing and curative treatment in rural, frontier and tribal areas to reduce health disparities.

Elimination of HCV as a public health threat will not be an easy task, but it will have a positive impact on the health of New Mexicans. I urge you to get involved to ensure that all communities and parts of the state work to achieve this ambitious goal while ensuring health equity for all people in New Mexico.

Sincerely,



Michelle Lujan Grisham
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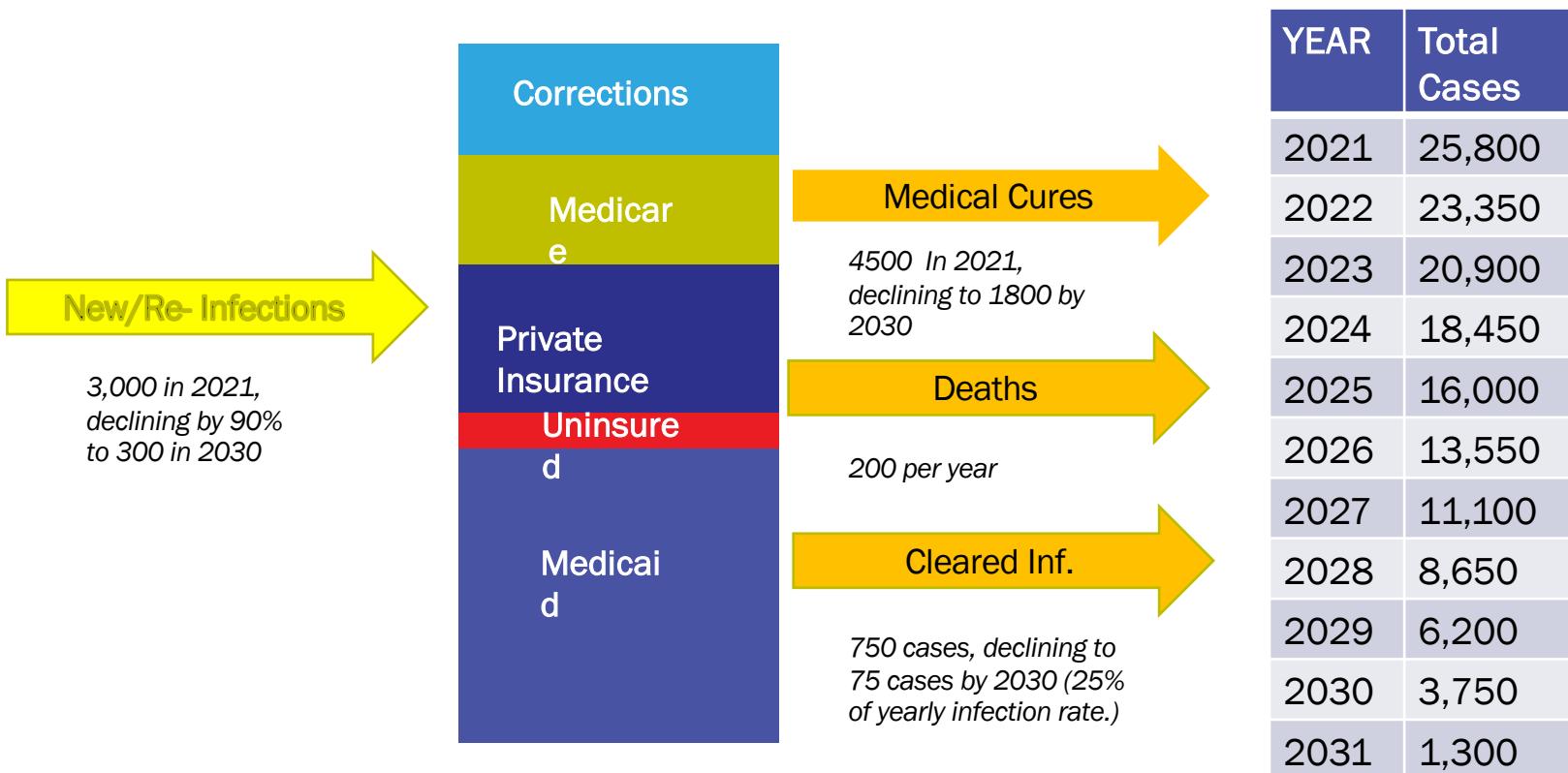
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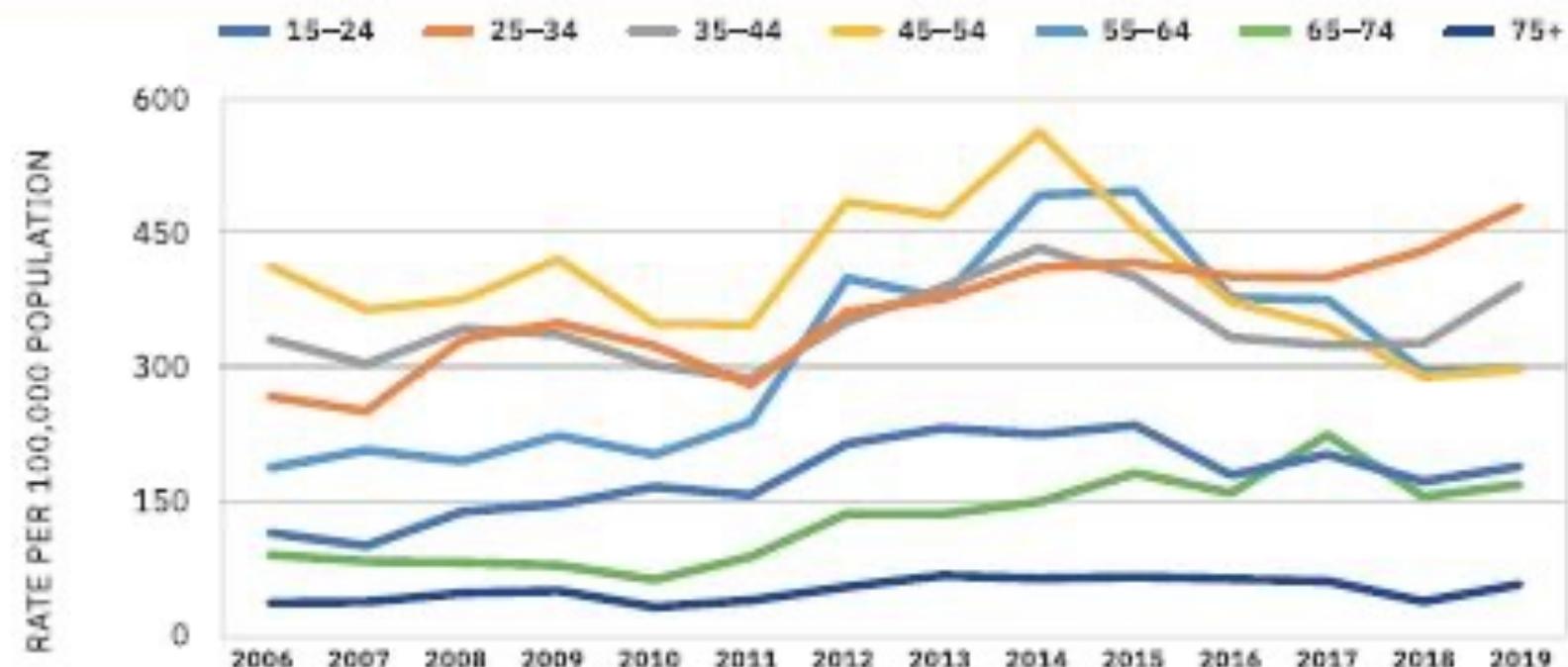
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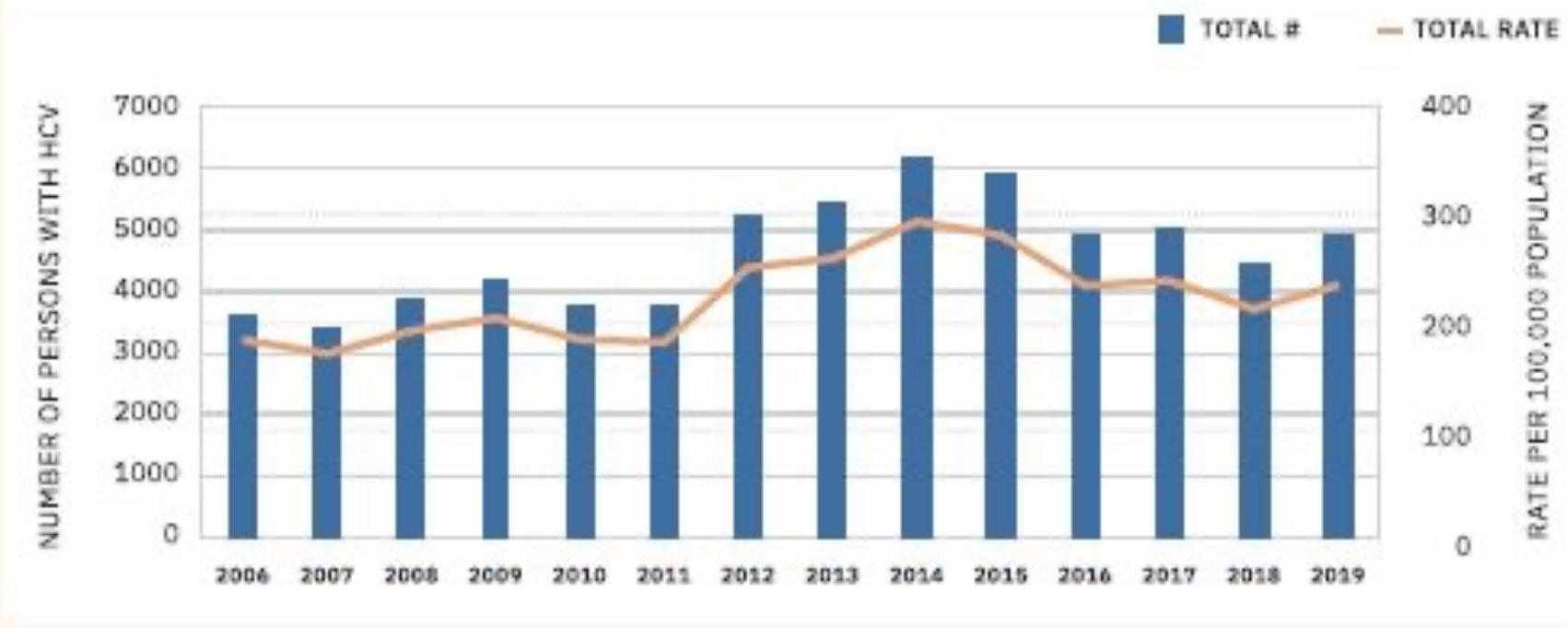
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FIGURE 5: RATE OF CHRONIC HCV INFECTION BY AGE GROUP : NEW MEXICO, 2006-2019



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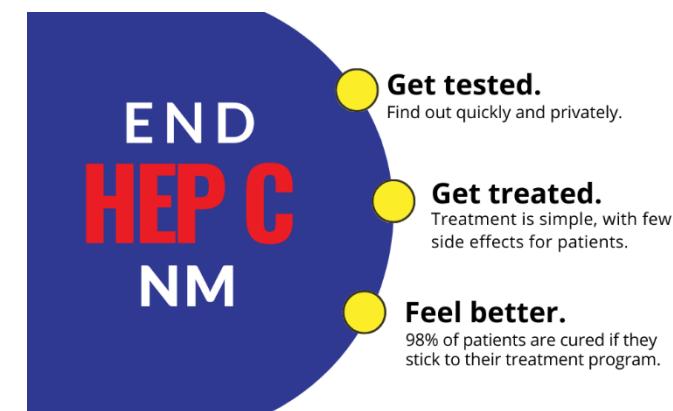
**FIGURE 2: NEWLY REPORTED CHRONIC HCV INFECTION
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Transforming Lives for Healthier Communities.

The Harm Reduction Program works to reduce substance-related harm while enhancing individual, family, and community wellness. We strive to accomplish this work by providing individuals who use substances services in a culturally respectful and responsive manner.

[Learn More About Harm Reduction in New Mexico](#)

About the Harm Reduction Program

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Manténgase sin **HEPATITIS C**

- Participe en la reducción de daños**


Para las personas que consumen sustancias, especialmente jeringas, es fundamental aplicar técnicas de reducción de daños.

 - Use sólo jeringas nuevas y estériles
 - No comparta el material, ni siquiera las pajitas
 - En caso de heridas o abscesos, acude a que se los curan.
- No comparta artículos de higiene personal**


Los objetos de uso cotidiano, como afeitadoras, tijeras, cortafieras, cepillos de dientes y otros, pueden transmitir la hepatitis C si la sangre de una persona infectada los contamina. Asegúrese de que todos los artículos se utilicen individualmente y se esterilizan con regularidad.
- Revise que el equipo sea estéril**


Los negocios en los que hay sangre o agujas, como las tiendas de tatuajes, piercings o clínicas de acupuntura, pueden transmitir la hepatitis C. Asegúrese siempre de que las agujas se utilizan una sola vez, de que todo el equipo y las herramientas están esterilizados y de que la tienda tiene licencia.
- Practique sexo seguro y con responsabilidad**


Aunque es menos frecuente que la hepatitis C se transmita por el acto sexual, hay factores que aumentan el riesgo. Si tiene varias parejas o practica sexo duro, hágase pruebas con regularidad y utilice preservativos.

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