



Hepatitis C

Testing and Treatment Available to Medicaid Patients

If you have hepatitis C and you're enrolled in Texas Medicaid, talk to your doctor about testing and treatment.

What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is a serious viral infection. It is spread through contact with blood from someone who already has hepatitis C. Many people who have hepatitis C may not feel sick at first. If the virus is not treated, it can damage your liver, make you feel tired all the time, and increase your chance of developing diabetes and other medical conditions.

Testing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all adults ages 18 and older be screened for hepatitis C at least once in their life. The CDC also recommends that all pregnant people should be tested for hepatitis C during pregnancy, no matter what age they are. Talk to your doctor to get tested for hepatitis C. A simple blood test can tell your doctor if you have the virus.

Treatment

Hepatitis C is curable with treatment. If you test positive for hepatitis C, your doctor can prescribe medication that will treat your condition. Your doctor can prescribe it for the whole length of your treatment, so you do not need to ask for refills.

Resources

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [website](https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv) at [cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv](https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv).

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