

## MDHHS and MSMS launch health risk assessment webinar

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan State Medical Society have developed a webinar on the Healthy Michigan Plan Health Risk Assessment and the Healthy Behaviors Incentives Program, titled: *Improving Health Outcomes for Healthy Michigan Plan Patients: Using the Health Risk Assessment to Help Address Social Determinants of Health.*

In the webinar, Dr. S. Bobby Mukkamala, M.D., provides an overview of the HRA and describes how it has helped improve health outcomes for Michiganders. It focuses on the HRA as a tool to assist in identifying patient risk factors and help address social determinants of health. The webinar describes best practices for efficiently incorporating the HMP HRA into clinic workflows.

The webinar is available to at no cost to MSMS members and non-members at [msms.org/HMPHRA](https://msms.org/HMPHRA).<sup>\*</sup> It's approved for up to .25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>.<sup>1</sup>

There are also four videos with tips and best practices for primary care offices, including how to complete the HRA online. To view these videos, visit the Healthy Michigan Plan Health Risk Assessment website at [Michigan.gov](https://Michigan.gov)<sup>\*</sup> and scroll down to HRA Videos.

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## In-office laboratory testing

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Providers conducting in-office lab testing must meet applicable CLIA certification requirements (or hold a CLIA Certificate of Waiver for CLIA-waived testing.) **For a list of lab tests reimbursable in an office setting, visit [mbluecrosscomplete.com](https://mbluecrosscomplete.com). All other lab testing must be performed by a participating laboratory.** The inclusion of a code doesn't guarantee claim payment. Other policies may apply.

## Treat Hep C: Take action

Aimed at eliminating hepatitis C virus in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' "[We Treat Hep C](#)" public health campaign is entering its second year. The initiative involves increasing the number of people who are tested for the hepatitis C virus, or HCV, infection, increasing the amount of providers who screen for and treat HCV while expanding access to curative treatments.

**Why test all your adult patients for HCV?** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost half of people with HCV are unaware of their infection. From 2015 to 2019, rates of new HCV infections increased by more than 60%. In 2019, more than 63% of HCV infections occurred in adults 20 to 39 years of age.

As a reminder, hepatitis C medications don't need to be prescribed by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist or infectious disease specialist. All professional providers with prescriptive authority can prescribe medications, such as Mavyret<sup>®</sup> or other direct-acting antivirals, to their patients with a hepatitis C diagnosis.

### Providers can help eliminate hepatitis C by:

- Screening all adults for the hepatitis C virus infection at least once in their lifetime<sup>2</sup>
- Incorporating orders for hepatitis C tests in routine primary care
- Evaluating those with confirmed hepatitis C infection for treatment
- Prescribing curative therapies for any patient infected with hepatitis C

### Hepatitis C resources for providers

- Hepatitis C screening and testing recommendations: [cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov)<sup>\*</sup>
- Treating hepatitis C in pregnancy: [hcvguidelines.org](https://hcvguidelines.org)<sup>\*</sup>
- Recommended Testing Sequence for Identifying Current Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Infection: [cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov)<sup>\*</sup>
- **[Henry Ford Health System HCV Clinical Consult Program](#)**<sup>\*</sup>  
A no-cost, consultation phone line, 313-575-0332, available Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for all health care professionals with questions about HCV disease management and treatment.

<sup>2</sup>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines a hepatitis C virus screen as blood draw detection of antibodies for hepatitis C virus, which indicate exposure. See the CDC's recommended testing flow for identifying hepatitis C infection at [cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov).

<sup>\*</sup>Our website is [mbluecrosscomplete.com](https://mbluecrosscomplete.com). While website addresses for other organizations are provided for reference, Blue Cross Complete doesn't control these sites and isn't responsible for their content.