



OREGON

1. Plan Development

Oregon published a plan in May 2023: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/HIVSTDVIRALHEPATITIS/ADULTVIRALHEPATITIS/Pages/Elimination-Plan.aspx>

2. Harm Reduction Laws

Syringe Services Program Legality, Syringe Exchange Specifications, Medical Emergency Laws, and “Works” Possession Laws and Syringe Exemption

SSPs are legal and operate via a state law expressly authorizing their functioning. They operate on a needs-based policy. Needs-based SSP policies broaden the efficacy of these programs to reduce transmission of hepatitis, HIV, and other diseases. The possession of syringes in Oregon has been decriminalized statewide.

3. Budget Allocation

Specific Funds Allocated for Plan Implementation, State Budget, and State Corrections Budget

There is no mention of viral hepatitis in the FY21-23 budget; it is mentioned in the state’s corrections budget. There is no mention at all in Oregon’s next proposed biennium budget. A designated line item for hepatitis would signal a commitment to providing resources to support ongoing efforts to improve statewide viral hepatitis outcomes.

4. Improving Viral Hepatitis Prevention, Treatment, and Outcomes

Educational and Perinatal Information for the Public, Provider Training, and Medicaid Expansion

Oregon is a Medicaid expansion state; the state distributes viral hepatitis educational information and materials and provides perinatal information / education for HBV, but not for perinatal HCV (it provides this information in multiple languages as well). The state includes resources and trainings for providers on its website, including those provided by The National Hepatitis Training Institute and Hepatitis C Online.

Standard of Care for HCV in State Corrections

A publicly available, separate, state-drafted guidance for the standard of care for HCV in state corrections that includes strategies to offer DAA treatment for HCV to all persons with a confirmed HCV diagnosis held in state corrections in accordance with the AASLD/IDSA treatment guidelines does not exist in Oregon. However, there has been litigation within Oregon that has prompted changes to be made regarding hepatitis screening and treatment within correctional facilities. On December 19, 2002, a suit brought by Oregon prisoners against prison officials for refusing to properly diagnose and treat their hepatitis C virus (HCV) was certified as a class action. The state of Oregon also has policies in place to prevent the transmission of blood borne pathogens, including HBV and HCV. The policy designates that, at a minimum, exposure plans for correctional facilities must include a description of preventive measures, including hepatitis vaccination. Beyond the certification of the class of prisoners in the 2002 case and the prevention policies described above, we are not aware of a publicly available, separate, state-drafted guidance for the standard of care for HCV in state corrections or other litigation.

Targeted Interventions for Key Populations and the Provision of Linguistically Diverse Informational Materials

There are state-sponsored targeted interventions being offered to key populations.

Enduring Coalition / Task Force to Coordinate and Leverage Resources

Oregon provides information on how to participate in its statewide Viral Hepatitis Collective on the state hepatitis page. The most recent activity of the collective seems to be 2021 though. If it is still in existence and meeting, new information related to it should be released as soon as possible.

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Grade

Since July 2022, its Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access grade has improved from a C to an A. There are no prior authorization requirements or substance use or prescriber restrictions in place anymore. One recommended action the state can still take to improve access is ensuring transparency and parity across FFS and CCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria.

5. Improving Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Data Usage

Epidemiological Report / Profile, and Public-Facing Website with Viral Hepatitis Data

Oregon has not published recent (within the last two years) viral hepatitis epidemiological data. There was a functioning data dashboard, but the data on the dashboard has not been updated since 2020.