Public Health and Healthcare Integration

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Overview

Opportunities to leverage healthcare systems for hepatitis prevention and care

- Insurance Navigation
- Provider Engagement
- Contracting-based Strategies
- Health Systems Data
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Transferable Elements
Health Insurance Navigation

- Medicaid eligibility
- Health plan assessment
- Benefits coordination
- Pharmacist expertise
- Developing health insurance navigation expertise within the public health workforce
Provider Engagement

- Engaging RW providers and other providers that already provide culturally competent care
- Telehealth/ECHO programs
  - Another opportunity to leverage pharmacists based on state
- Academic detailing with primary care providers
  - Strategies integrated with HIV prevention
  - Address clinical guidelines as well as stigma and provider attitudes
Contracting-based Strategies

- Leveraging the 340B program
  - 340B through the Ryan White HIV Program for coinfected individuals
  - Engaging FQHCs, family planning clinics, STD clinics
- Fee-for-service contracting
  - Establish service agreements with key providers to cover the cost of services for the uninsured/underinsured at a negotiated rate (state appropriation)
Contracting-based Strategies

- Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans
  - Influence the providers that Medicaid Managed Care Organizations contract with for services
  - Leverage community-based organizations’ comparative advantage
    - Cultural and population expertise
    - Cost and flexibility in structures/approach
Health Systems Data

- Claims Data
  - Prompt MCOs to analyze their own data
  - Request a Medicaid claims data report for HCV screenings at the provider-level to inform provider engagement
  - Establish data-sharing agreements for Medicaid claims data
  - Join interagency data-sharing conversations and collaborative projects: HCV Affinity Group, APCD
Health Systems Data

- Electronic Health Records
  - Establish data-sharing agreements to access the Health Information Exchange to inform case follow-up and prioritize linkage to care services
  - Inform the care continuum using HIE data
  - Inform provider-specific outreach and detailing
  - Use EHRs for provider interventions

Resources are available here: https://www.nastad.org/informatics
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nastad.org/informatics
nastad.org/financing-HIV-prevention
HisHealth.org
PrEPcost.org

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