



- WVHAMP is currently (due to COVID 19) a tele-mentorship training program designed to support primary care providers to diagnose, evaluate and manage their patients with chronic hepatitis C developed in consultation with West Virginia Medicaid
- WVHAMP provides a mentorship platform accessible for primary care providers caring for high-risk individuals throughout West Virginia, especially in rural settings
- This is crucial as West Virginia has the highest rate of new acute hepatitis C infections in the nation!

GOAL: to improve the health of individuals in underserved communities by building a primary care workforce trained by experts to screen, diagnose, offer curative treatment, and follow persons with chronic hepatitis C.

WVHAMP is a free, easily accessible training program that will be held virtually. It will meet the needs of both primary care providers interested in providing hepatitis C care and current West Virginia Medicaid requirements

Participating WVHAMP primary care providers will receive training on hepatitis C epidemiology, diagnosis, management, curative treatment, follow-up and prevention. Thus, primary care providers throughout the state will be equipped with the skills needed to treat and cure patients with hepatitis C in their local communities. **This will increase the number of individuals who are cured and help to reduce the number of West Virginians who can transmit hepatitis C to another person.**

Interested providers will:

- Attend an initial daylong in-person training (WVHAMP #2)- see registration form at the West Virginia Rural Health Association website
- Make a commitment to participate in WVHAMP training for at least 12 months
- Receive both a hard copy of WVHAMP training materials/toolkit and online access at the West Virginia Rural Health Association website via a designated link
- Utilizing WVHAMP training, diagnose and evaluate patient for potential treatment/cure
- Fax the Consultation Form to a secure, HIPAA-compliant site in the Cloud for specialist review and approval
- Have access to WVHAMP mentors for consultation and backup for complicated cases
- Participate in bimonthly WVHAMP educational webinars with access to special topic presentations and discussion of cases
- Attend an in-person or virtual half-day (WVHAMP #2) approximately 3 months later to receive updated hepatitis C treatment information. Providers will present challenges and patient cases to their peers and the WVHAMP Mentoring Team for feedback and guidance
- Receive a free annual membership to the West Virginia Rural Health Association
- Receive free CME credits for participation
- Be awarded a WVHAMP Scholar Certificate at the completion of WVHAMP
- Continue to have access in the future to the Mentoring Team for guidance on specific cases as needed
- Provide primary care providers with the satisfaction of having cured a chronic disease that can be fatal!
- Ultimately, receive a designation as a recognized hepatitis specialist by West Virginia Medicaid after they have managed and cured a sufficient number of patients according to Medicaid

THE SECOND (WVHAMP #2) TRAINING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY IN OCTOBER (DATES TBA). REGISTRATION WILL BE ON THE WEST VIRGINIA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION WEBSITE: <https://wvrha.org/>