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To: North Carolina Local Health Directors; CD Nurses
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Subject: Hepatitis B and C virus expanded testing availability through the NC State Laboratory of Public Health (NC SLPH)
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Effective October 1, 2018, risk-based hepatitis B and C virus screening will be available to all local health departments through the NCSLPH. This expanded screening will be available for Medicaid-eligible and uninsured patients who meet any of the below screening criteria

Hepatitis B virus

- People and their sexual partners who currently use drugs not as prescribed
- People with a history of drug use
- People who are HIV positive
- Men who have sex with men
- People who have Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C virus

- People and their sexual partners who currently use drugs not as prescribed
- People with a history of drug use
- People who are HIV positive
- People with a history of incarceration
- People born between the years of 1945 and 1965

Specimen submission forms for hepatitis B virus (DHHS 3722) and hepatitis C virus (DHHS 1111) testing can be accessed [here](#).

The Communicable Disease Branch will be hosting a one-hour webinar on October 17th, 2018 at 12pm for local health department staff, to provide additional information regarding the expansion of hepatitis B and C virus testing. The webinar will cover the below topics:

- Counseling messages for patients being screened
- Information about the testing report form and process for submitting samples to SLPH
- Referral processes for HBV and/or HCV positive patients.

To register for the webinar "Hepatitis B and C Virus State Laboratory Testing Expansion":
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6888696927924643586>

Please feel free to contact the Communicable Disease Branch with any questions or concerns at 919-546-1634, or email at christina.caputo@dhhs.nc.gov

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