

MDHHS UPDATES: WE TREAT HEP C INITIATIVE

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OUTLINE

- CDC's Universal HCV Testing Recommendations
- We Treat Hep C Initiative
 - Overview of Initiative
 - Update on 1 Year of Progress

HCV TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS (CDC, 2020)

Universal HCV screening **NEW RECOMMENDATION**

- HCV screening at least once in a lifetime for all adults aged ≥ 18 years
- HCV screening for all pregnant people during each pregnancy

One-time HCV testing regardless of age or setting prevalence among persons with recognized conditions or exposures

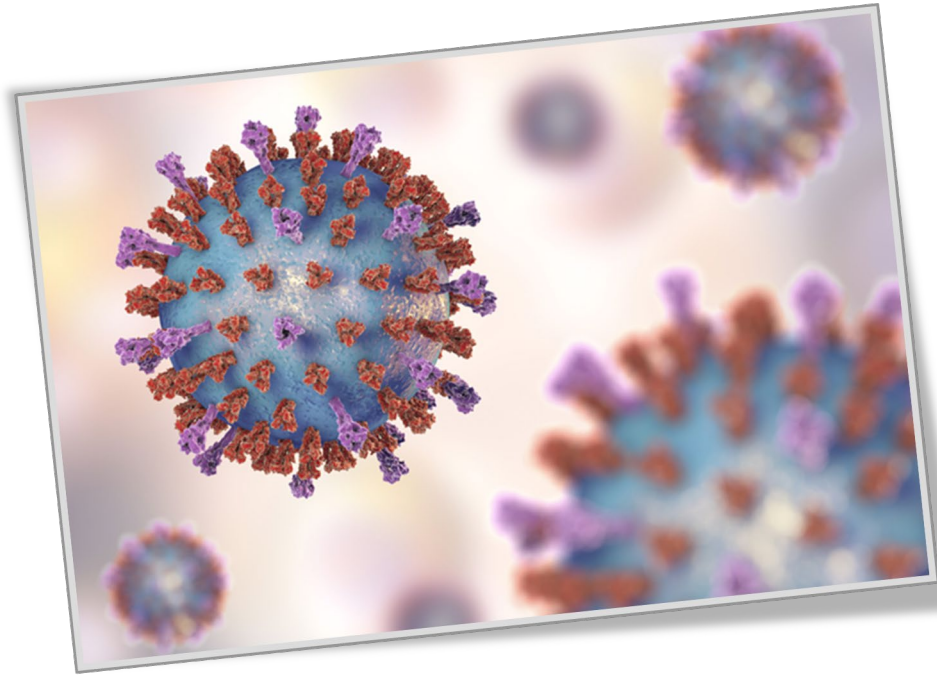
- Persons with HIV
- Persons who ever injected drugs and shared needles, syringes, or other drug preparation equipment, including those who injected once or a few times many years ago
- Children born to mothers with HCV infection

Routine periodic testing for persons with ongoing risk factors, while risk factors persist

- Persons who inject drugs and share needles, syringes, or other drug preparation equipment
- Persons with selected medical conditions, including persons who ever received maintenance hemodialysis

Any person who requests HCV testing should receive it, regardless of disclosure of risk, because many persons might be reluctant to disclose stigmatizing risks

HCV IS CURABLE



- HCV direct-acting antivirals (DAA) first received FDA approval in 2013
- Major improvements over previous treatments: simple, effective, short in duration, and well-tolerated
- All oral medications taken only once daily
- Cure rates $\geq 95\%$
- HCV cure improves health outcomes, reduces risk of decompensated cirrhosis and liver-related death
- Since HCV is a fairly prevalent condition, payers strategized on how to curtail costs without an infinite budget

MICHIGAN MEDICAID HCV COVERAGE - BACKGROUND

- Initiated formal coverage of HCV DAAs in January 2016
 - **Fibrosis Restrictions:** Limited to severe liver damage (e.g., F3/F4 Fibrosis)
 - **Prescriber Restrictions:** Prescription must be written by, or in consultation with, a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or infectious disease specialist
 - **Sobriety Restrictions:** Patient must demonstrate 6 months of sobriety
 - **Prior Authorization:** Provider must submit paperwork to gain approval for writing script

- **2017** - Fibrosis score lowered to F2
- **2018** - Fibrosis score lowered to F1
- **2019** - Fibrosis score requirement removed

WE TREAT HEP C INITIATIVE

- MDHHS launched the **We Treat Hep C Initiative** on April 1, 2021, as a strategy to increase access to HCV treatment and eliminate HCV in Michigan

WHAT

We Treat Hep C Initiative aims to make treatment more accessible by removing barriers to prescribing

HOW

MDHHS has entered into an agreement with AbbVie, the manufacturer of glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (GLE/PIB)

WHO

Treatment is available to all **Medicaid** and **Healthy Michigan Plan** beneficiaries

WE TREAT HEP C INITIATIVE

- GLE/PIB no longer requires prior authorization (PA), effective April 1, 2021
- PA requirements for non-preferred DAAs have been streamlined
- Removal of all HCV DAA restrictions: documentation of recent/current substance use and specialist requirement have been removed
- **Any prescriber with prescriptive authority can treat HCV!**
 - **Program's success depends on getting more providers to treat HCV**

CLINICAL CONSULTATION RESOURCES

- **HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM:** Complimentary clinical consultation line and e-mail box for health care professionals with questions about HCV treatment. Operated from 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. M-F (313) 575-0332
- **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY/MIDWEST AIDS TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTER (MATEC):** On-demand didactic webinars, live training events, office hours, and monthly case discussions. Available for all health care professionals at (313) 962-2000
- **MICHIGAN OPIOID COLLABORATIVE:** Biweekly HCV education and case consultation to support primary care and community providers with diagnosis, treatment planning, and medication management of people living with HCV
- Additional trainings and resources available at Michigan.gov/WeTreatHepC
- Join the We Treat Hep C listserv by e-mailing MDHHS-Hepatitis@Michigan.gov!

HCV PROVIDER MAP + DIRECTORY

Find a Hepatitis C Treatment Provider

To find a hepatitis C treatment provider in Michigan, zoom in on the map below. Use the search function to identify providers within a city, zip code, or county. Location markers on the map have been color coded to denote service provider type.

Disclaimer: Listings in the Hepatitis C Treatment Provider Map are for informational purposes and is not a complete list of all treatment providers in the state of Michigan. Inclusion in the map is for providers who have given consent to be added and do not constitute MDHHS' endorsement or recommendation of, or for, any individual, service, treatment, or organization. Phone numbers, address, and contact information are subject to change.



To add, remove, or update the information about a medical facility or provider, e-mail MDHHS-Hepatitis@Michigan.gov.

For a printable listing of the Hepatitis C Treatment Provider map above, please download the [Hepatitis C Treatment Provider](#)

Michigan.gov/WeTreatHepC

HEPATITIS C TREATMENT PROVIDER DIRECTORY

ALPENA COUNTY

1. Alpena Express Care and Family Practice
109 S Thirteenth Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707
Phone: 989-356-2400 | Providers: Dr. David Dargis, Dr. Douglas King

2. Alcona Health Center
1185 U.S. 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707
Phone: 989-356-4049 | Providers: Dr. Maureen Mead

ARENAC COUNTY

3. Sterling Area Health Center
725 East State Street, Sterling, MI 48659
Phone: 989-654-3501; 989-654-2491 | Providers: Dr. Linda Runyon, Elizabeth Kitchen, NP, Joshua Leonard, NP, Vivian Gallofn, NP

4. Ascension Standish Hospital
805 West Cedar Street, Standish, MI 48658
Phone: 989-846-3500 | Providers: Dr. Ibrahim Shamieh

BARAGA COUNTY

5. Health and Education Center KBIC Med Clinic ●
102 South Superior Avenue, Baraga, MI 49908
Phone: 906-353-8787 | Providers: Dr. Edward Lelonek, Jody Jinkerson, NP, Jennifer Scott, NP, Brittany Wadaga, NP

BARRY COUNTY

6. Spectrum Health Clinic General Surgeon—Hastings Surgeons PC
1005 West Green Street Suite 300, Hastings, MI 49058
Phone: 269-948-8411 | Providers: Dr. David Dargis

BRANCH COUNTY

7. Charles Whitaker, MD Family Medicine
436 Marshall Street, Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517-278-6600 | Providers: Dr. Charles Whitaker

CALHOUN COUNTY

8. Digestive Health Center
3770 Capital Avenue SW Suite B, Battle Creek, MI 49015
Phone: 269-385-9900 | Providers: Amy Ball, PA, Dr. Tarun Sharma, Dr. Silviu Locovei, Dr. Aijaz Turk, Dr. Brij Dewan

9. Calhoun County Health Department
190 East Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49014
Phone: 269-969-6363 | Providers: Michelle Thorne, MSN, FNP-BC

10. Calhoun County Health Department
214 East Michigan Avenue, Albion, MI 49224
Phone: 517-629-9434 | Providers: Michelle Thorne, MSN, FNP-BC

DELTA COUNTY

11. Bellin Health Escanaba
610 S Lincoln, Escanaba, MI 49829
Phone: 906-786-6488 | Providers: Stephen Young, PA, Brian Guindon, PA

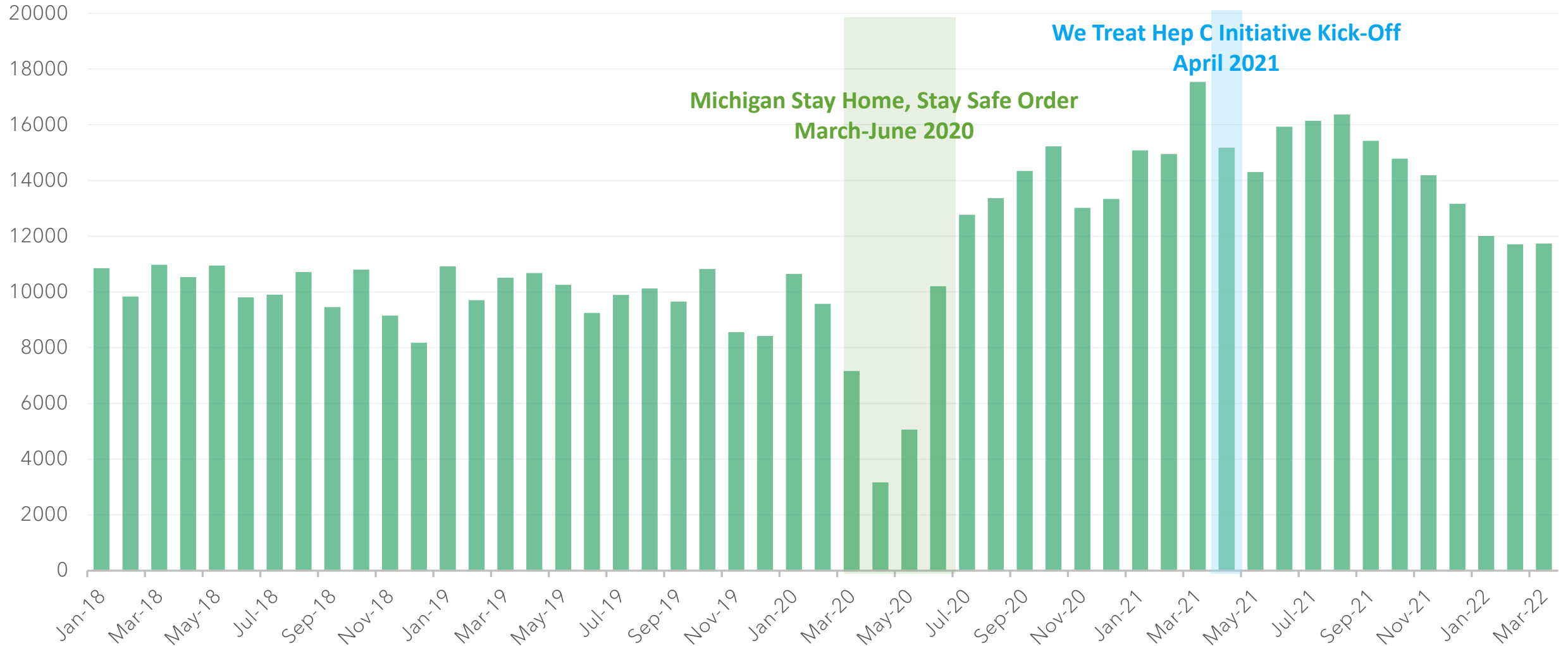
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12. Wayne Health—Multispecialty Clinic
4160 John R Suite 917, Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: 313-745-4525 | Providers: Jennifer Gideon, NP, Dr. Milton Mutchnick, Dr. Katherine Wong, Dr. Thomas Kelley, Dr. Bashar Mohamad, Sharlet Geevarughese, NP

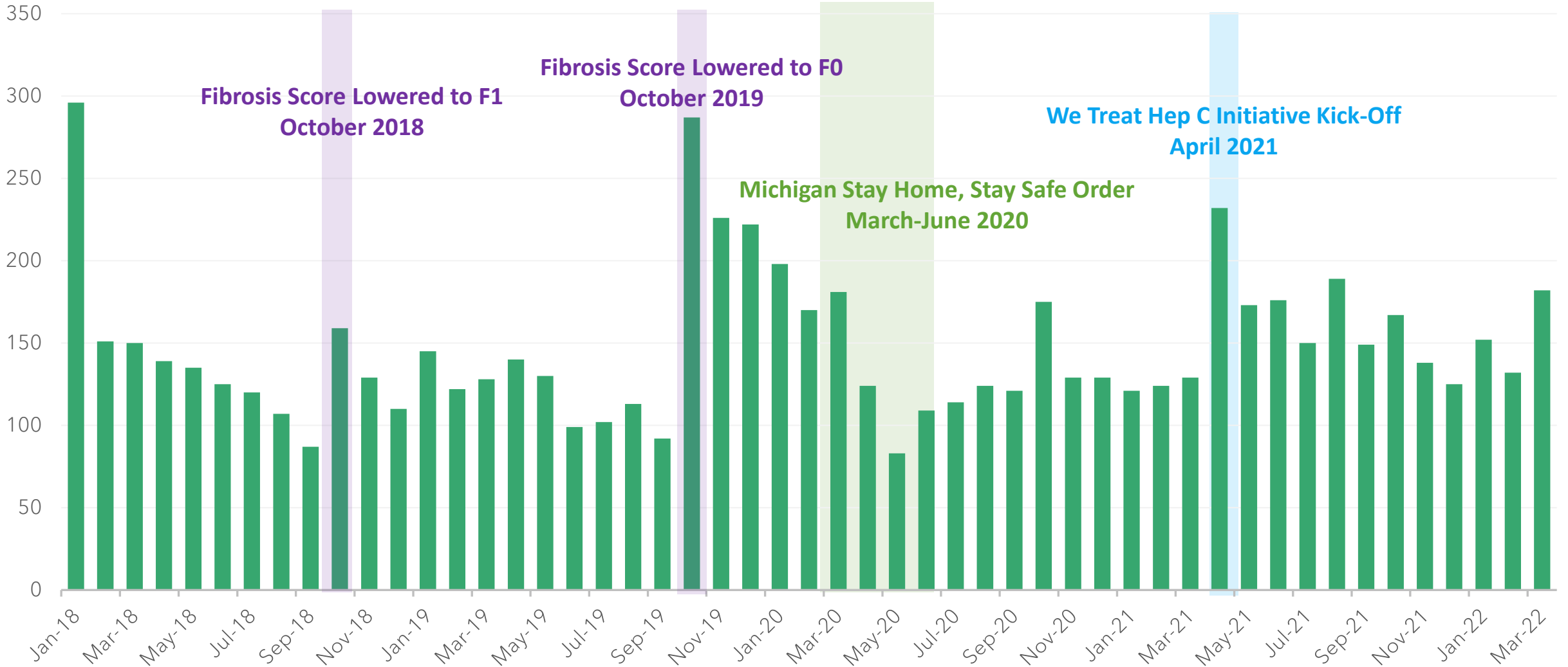
13. Wayne Health—Tolan Park
3901 Chrysler Drive Suite 4A, Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: 313-966-7601 | Providers: Dr. Jonathan Cohn, Dr. Prateek Lohia, Dr. Gretchen Snoeyenbos Newman

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MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES TESTED BY MONTH, 2018-2022, MI



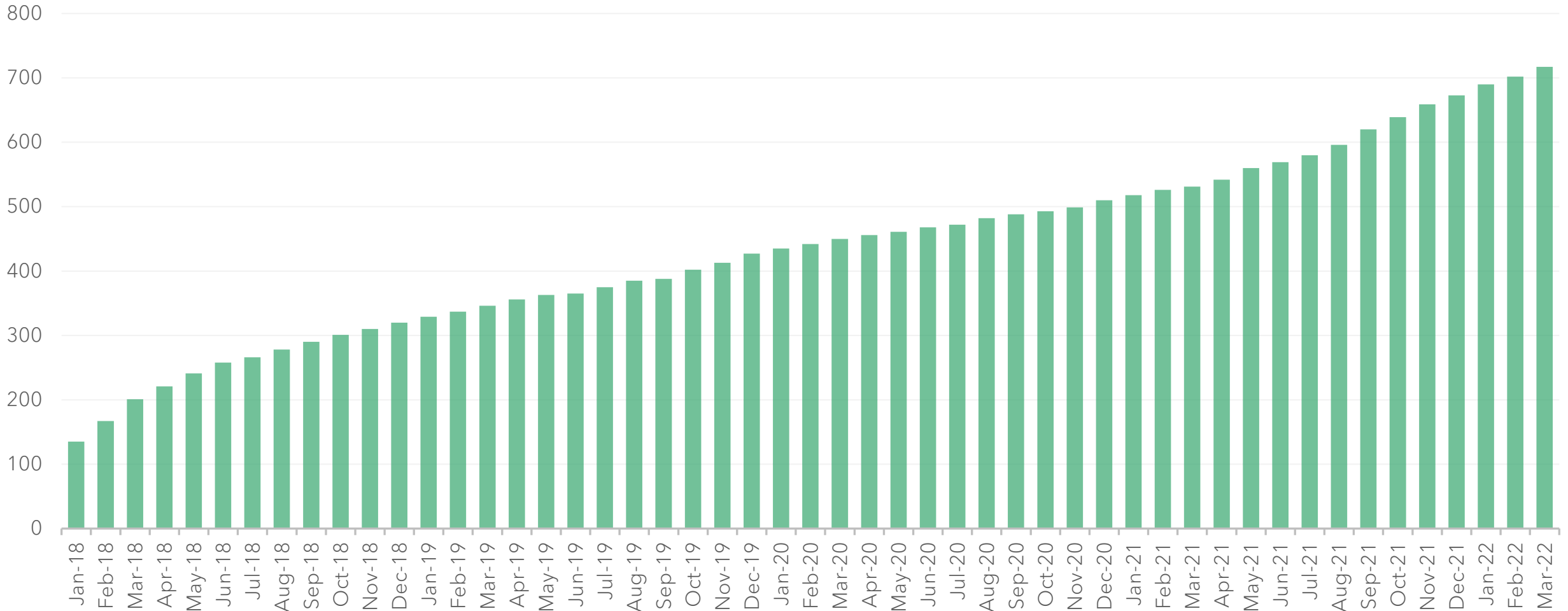
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HCV TREATMENT PROVIDERS PRESCRIBING TREATMENT FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES EACH QUARTER, 2018-2022, MI



CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF NEW PROVIDERS WHO PRESCRIBED HCV TREATMENT FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES, 2018-2022, MI



SINCE APRIL 2021...

- Added **186** new HCV treatment prescribers
- Treated **1,965** total Medicaid beneficiaries for HCV
- Increased Medicaid HCV screening rate from **26% to 29%**

IN SUMMARY

OPTIMIZE HCV TESTING!

- Implement **new** universal HCV testing recommendations
 - Due to asymptomatic nature of HCV, a person may never know if they are infected. Early detection is critical.
 - Implement opt-out HCV testing (all patients get tested, individuals have opportunity to decline)
 - **Advantages:** Normalizes testing, reduces stigma
 - Adopt HCV reflex testing (automatic confirmatory testing for HCV RNA if HCV Ab is positive)
 - **Advantages:** Reduces incomplete testing, patient barriers, facilitates earlier linkage to treatment
- Raise awareness of HCV and We Treat Hep C Initiative through educational materials, posters, social media posts, your website, etc.
- **TREAT HCV!** Utilize complimentary clinical consultation programs, simplified treatment guidelines, drug-drug interaction tool checker, and additional clinical resources
 - Write prescriptions to dispense the full treatment course to promote medication adherence

THANK YOU!

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