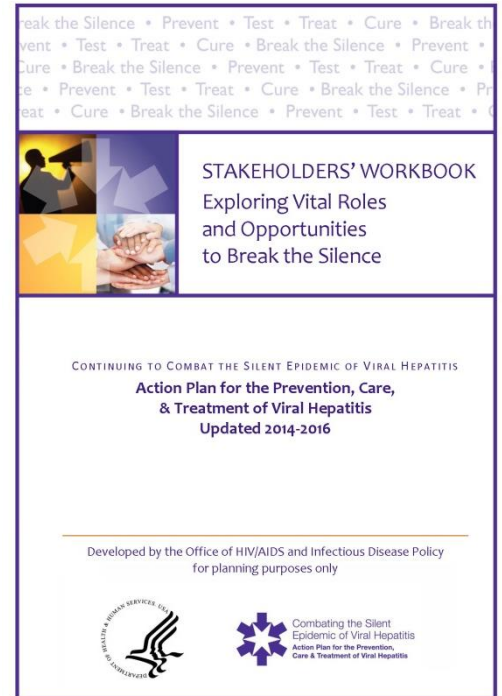




# State Advocacy

## Top 10 Advocacy List for Making Change and a Lasting Impact on Hepatitis Policy

- ✓ **Be Informed! Communicate with Policymakers! Vote!**
  - You're the Experts! Share Your Expertise! Testify!
- ✓ **Join Local/State Hepatitis Task Forces**
  - If you do not have one, start one!
  - Encourage Advocacy
  - Policy Subcommittees
    - Work with other advocates and use the HHS Stakeholders' Workbook to make a plan and develop policies for your state. →
- ✓ **Coalitions – Local, State & National**
  - Join and share your perspective with coalitions outside of hepatitis. *No one is immune to hepatitis.*
  - Share hepatitis policy updates.
- ✓ **Engage with your Medicaid and Insurance Agencies**
  - Testify at formulary meetings.
  - Meet with your commissioner.
  - Join the local Care Organization as a patient representative.
- ✓ **Seek Gubernatorial and Mayoral Proclamations**
  - May is Hepatitis Awareness Month.
- ✓ **Utilize Awareness Days**
  - Hepatitis, HIV, Immunization, Substance Use, etc.
- ✓ **Engage with the Media**
  - Press Releases, Letters to the Editor, Features Articles, Editorial Review Boards.
- ✓ **Use Social Media**
- ✓ **State of Hepatitis Forums**
  - Invite Policymakers – Highlight the Need.
- ✓ **Hepatitis Advocacy/Lobby Day**
  - Descend on the State Capitol.
  - Give awards to your Champions.
  - Serve FOOD!



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**Your Hepatitis coordinator is a vital resource!**

**What programs are already in place?**

**What seems to be the natural "next step"?**

**Who are your community allies?**

**Who are your legislative champions?**

**What is realistic to expect?**

**Organize! Mobilize! Realize!**

**Do your Homework!**