

Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) & the Fort Peck Service Unit HCV Clinic

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Who needs testing?

CDC Recommendations (8/17/2012)

- Adults born during 1945 through 1965 should receive one-time testing for HCV without prior ascertainment of HCV risk factor

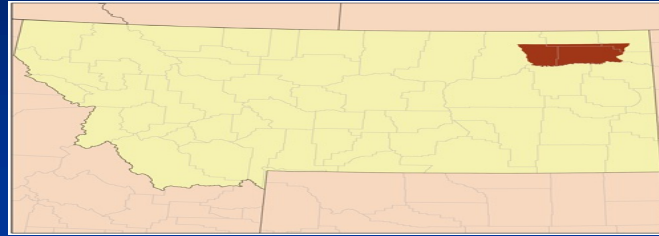
IHS Special General Memorandum (5/16/2019)

- Expands universal screening for HCV to all patients over the age of 18 years at least once in their lifetime regardless of risk factors

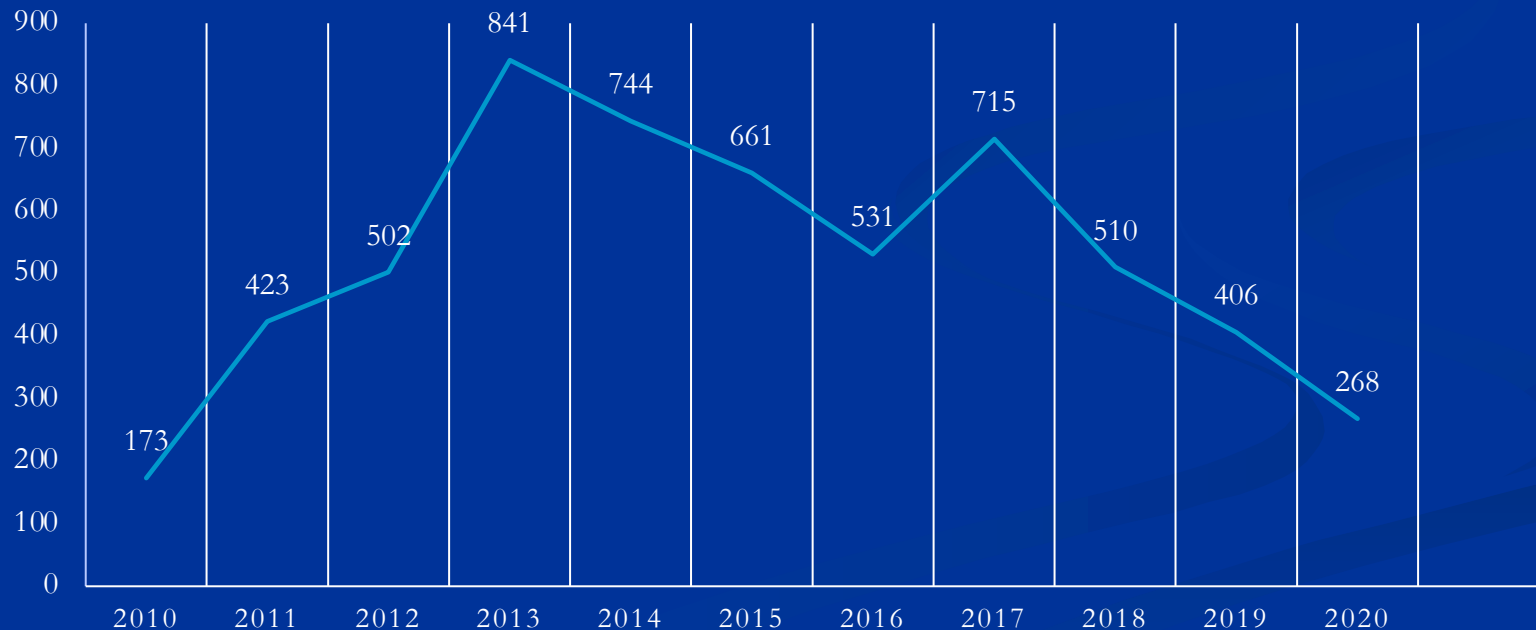
CDC Recommendation (4/10/2020)

- one-time hepatitis C testing of all adults (18 years and older)

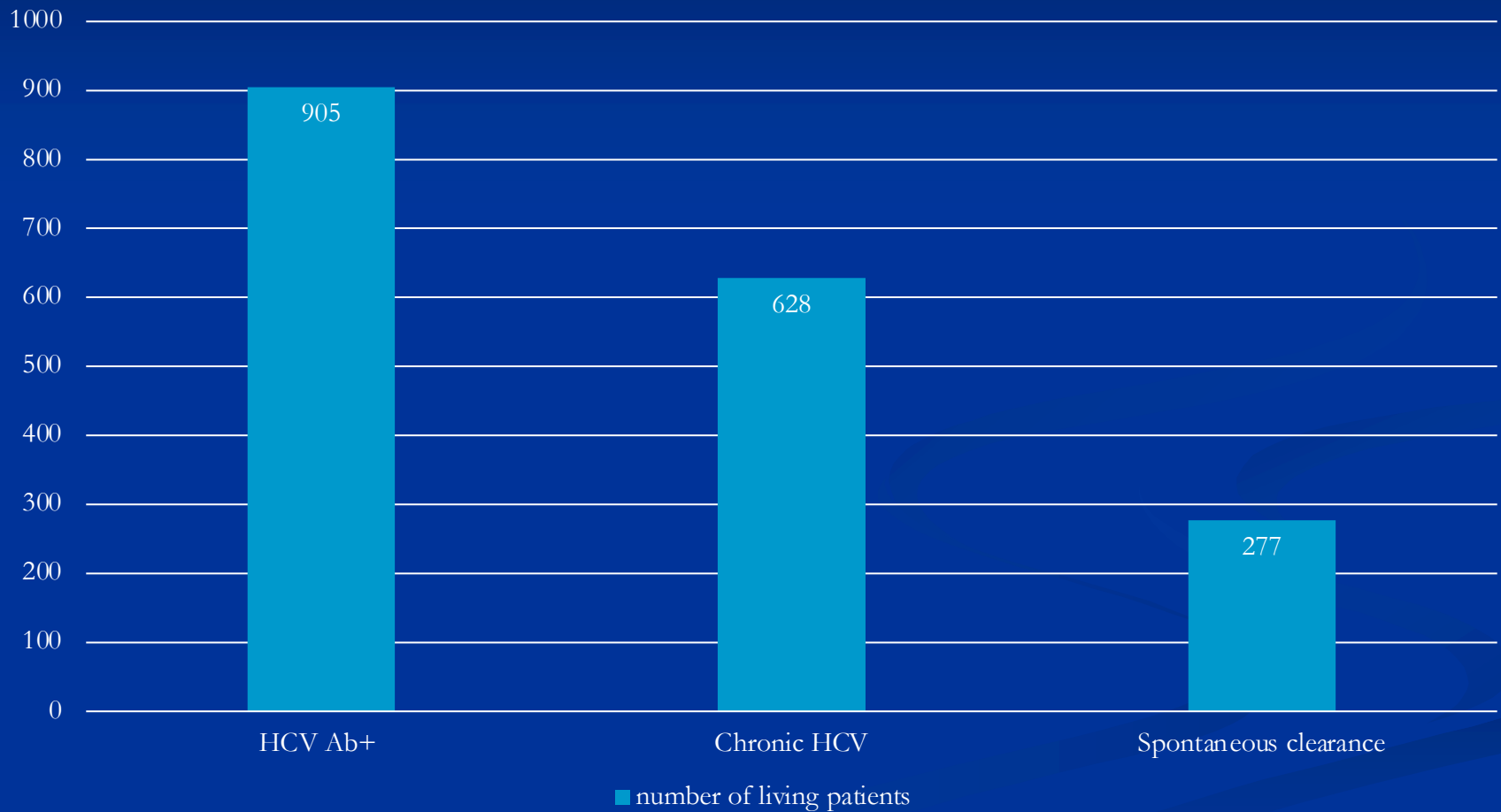
Hepatitis C Epidemiology-Fort Peck Reservation



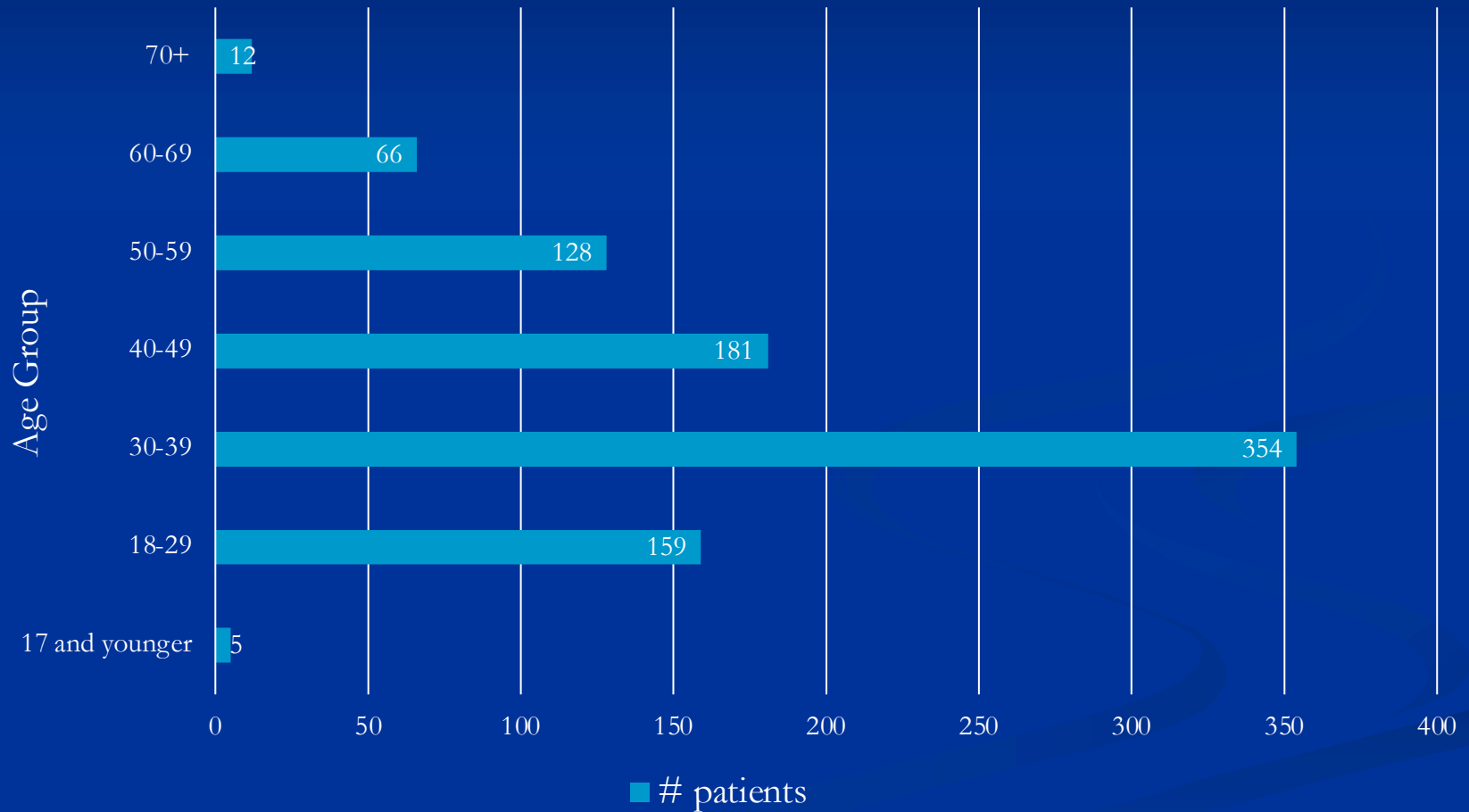
HCV AB TESTS PERFORMED 2010-2020




FPSU HCV Epidemiology




HCV Ab+ by age group



Access to HCV treatment

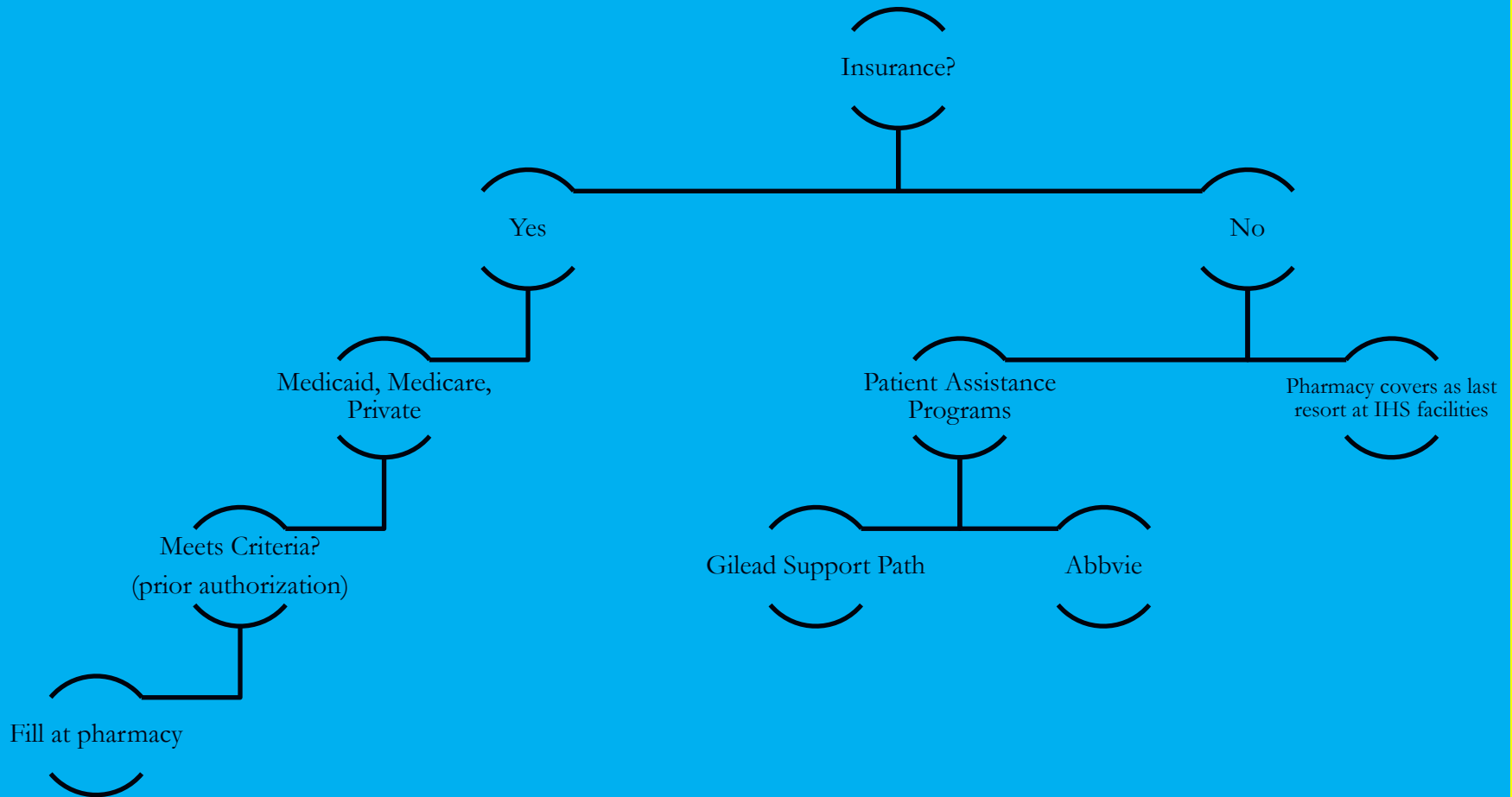
Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card	
Montana Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 14,900 ¹ 	
Grade	Summary
F	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Montana requires severe liver damage (F3 or greater).</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: Montana requires abstinence from drugs and alcohol for at least six months.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: Montana requires a prescription be written by or in consultation with a specialist.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove liver damage, sobriety and prescriber restrictions. Maintain transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Montana has unacceptable restrictions in all categories. With these restrictions, few people with hepatitis C have access to treatment.</i></p>

- November 2018 IHS added 3 DAA to national formulary for treatment of HCV

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card	
Montana Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 7,400 ¹ 	
Grade	Summary
A-	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Montana does not impose liver damage restrictions.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: Montana requires screening and counseling for drug and alcohol use.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: Montana does not impose prescriber restrictions.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove drug and alcohol use screening requirement. Maintain transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Montana greatly improved access to hepatitis c treatment. The largest barrier remaining is the requirement to screen patients for drug and alcohol use, which may deter some patients from seeking treatment.</i></p>

- February 2020 MT Medicaid changed criteria for HCV treatment coverage

Steps to access HCV medications



FPSU HCV Clinic

	Total
Visits	194 (unique patients)
Treatment initiation	77
documented SVR	53

- \$672,000 cost avoidance utilizing patient assistance programs (15 patients)
- \$104,000 profit thru billing of HCV treatment meds since MT Medicaid criteria change (7 patients)

Preventing HCV transmission

- Testing
 - Know your status
- Harm reduction
 - Safe injection practice
 - Syringe exchange program
 - Treat underlying addiction
- Linking to HCV treatment

Fort Peck HCV Community Testing Event

Held September 26-28, 2018

Collaborating partners – Fort Peck Tribal Health, IHS, Roosevelt County Health Dept., Salish Kootenai College – Tribal BEAR Project, Open Aid Alliance, DPHHS

Results:

94 HCV tests conducted

- 34 Reactive tests
- 19 Confirmatory blood draws
- 10 Follow up appointments made

52 HIV tests conducted

- 0 Reactive test

43 Flu shots



*Received award from MT DPHHS Summer Institute 2019 for largest HCV testing event

Harm Reduction: Needle Exchange

- Tribal Resolution #1791A-2009-06 gave approval for the Fort Peck Tribal Health Department Harm Reduction Program (FPHRP) for Outreach to PWID, which is to encompass needle exchange. Signed June 8, 2009.
- Goal to prevent the spread of Hepatitis C and HIV among persons who inject drugs

Harm Reduction: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- 2019 Fort Peck Tribes Spottedbull Recovery Resource Center (SBRRC) received SAMHSA grant for MAT
- July 2019 Fort Peck IHS Service Unit started collaboration SBRRC to offer MAT locally
- 40 have initiated MAT treatment
 - 55% HCV positive

Hepatitis C is...

Common

Curable

and We Care

Thank you!