

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

Viral hepatitis is the leading cause of liver cancer and the most common reason for liver transplantation. An estimated 4.4 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis; most do not know they are infected. Hepatitis Awareness Month presents healthcare providers with an opportunity to educate seniors and others with Medicare about viral hepatitis and how they can protect themselves from contracting the infection. Prevention is key.

Medicare provides coverage of the Hepatitis B vaccine and its administration as a Part B benefit for beneficiaries with an intermediate to high risk of contracting the disease. CMS needs your help to ensure that all eligible people with Medicare receive their immunizations, including the hepatitis B vaccine. Please talk with your Medicare patients about the importance of disease prevention through immunization.

For More Information:

- [The Adult Immunizations Brochure for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals](#)
- [Quick Reference Information: Medicare Immunization Billing](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Viral Hepatitis Website](#)

Thank you.