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A Formal Request for a National Coverage Determination; NCD 210.13 Hepatitis C Screening

To Whom It May Concern,

We are requesting that CMS update the National Coverage Policy for Hepatitis C Screening to align with the current USPSTF recommendation.

USPSTF 2020 (Grade B) recommendations are: screening should be performed on asymptomatic individuals without known liver disease who are between the ages of 18-79.

Medicare policy is limited to those individuals born between 1945-1965.

Our providers follow the USPSTF recommendation, which is not covered per policy age criterion.
USPSTF recommendations:

Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults: Screening: adults aged 18 to 79 years		The USPSTF recommends screening for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in adults aged 18 to 79 years.	B	March 2020 *
Grade	Definition	Suggestions for Practice		
A	The USPSTF recommends the service. There is high certainty that the net benefit is substantial.	Offer or provide this service.		
B	The USPSTF recommends the service. There is high certainty that the net benefit is moderate or there is moderate certainty that the net benefit is moderate to substantial.	Offer or provide this service.		

Full recommendations link:

<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/hepatitis-c-screening>

Sincerely,



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