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RE: CMDHD Launching Hepatitis C Treatment Program

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Central Michigan District Health Department Launches New Hepatitis C Treatment Program

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is pleased to announce the launch of our new hepatitis C treatment program, aimed at providing accessible and effective treatment to individuals in our community.

The hepatitis C treatment program offers full care, including access to medication, monitoring, and support services to help people manage their condition effectively. This program is a critical step in addressing the growing burden of hepatitis C in Michigan.

"Our new hepatitis C treatment program is a significant step in our efforts to improve the health and well-being of our community," said Connie Lance, CMDHD Community Health Supervisor. "By offering testing and treatment, we aim to make it easier for people to get the complete care they need to manage their hepatitis C."

Hepatitis C is a serious liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). It can lead to liver damage, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer if left untreated. The good news is that hepatitis C is curable, and early detection and treatment can prevent serious health complications.

Healthcare providers can refer patients and clients can self-refer for treatment using the forms available on our website at www.cmdhd.org/hepc. Our program bills insurance for treatment. For those without insurance, CMDHD has resources available to help assist with the cost of treatment.

CMDHD provides testing for hepatitis C for those who are unsure of their status. For testing appointments, individuals can call our Community Health division: 989-314-7570.

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