



HIV and HCV Linkage to Care Indicators

| Indicator 20: Number of HIV-positive clients who are referred to HIV primary care services and have not received such services in the past | |
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| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of HIV-positive individuals who are referred to HIV primary care services by CBOs and have not received such services in the past. |
| Significance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkage to care is crucial for successful HIV treatment. Delayed linkage impacts medical outcomes (e.g. longer time to virologic suppression) and increased HIV transmission risk (Dombrowski, 2013). |
| Data source | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBO administrative data |
| Possible disaggregation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |
| Limitations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBO tracking issues Lack of standardized manner to track referrals Difficult to determine if client followed up with referral |

References

- Dombrowski, K. (2013). Linkage to care. Retrieved from: http://depts.washington.edu/nwaetc/presentations/uploads/109/linkage_to_care.pdf

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