



## HIV and HCV Linkage to Care Indicators

| <b>Indicator 22: Number of HCV-positive clients who are referred to HCV primary care services and have not received such services in the past</b> |   |
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| Description   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of HCV-positive individuals who are referred to HCV primary care services by CBOs and have not received such services in the past.</li> </ul>   |
| Significance  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linkage to care is crucial for successful HCV treatment. Early treatment for HCV improves viral clearance outcomes (Corey, et al., 2010). Treatment is highly effective when administered within 12 weeks of diagnosis (Corey, et al., 2010).</li> </ul> |
| Data source   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBO administrative data</li> </ul>   |
| Possible disaggregation   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>   |
| Limitations   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBO tracking issues</li> <li>Lack of standardized manner to track referrals</li> <li>Difficult to determine if client followed up with referral</li> </ul>   |

## References

- Corey, K.E., Mendes, J., Gorospe, E.C., Zheng, H., & Chung, R.T. (2010). Early treatment improves outcomes in acute hepatitis C virus infection: A meta-analysis. *J Viral Hepat*, 17(3): 201-207.

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