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Dear HCV Provider,

As you may be aware, in early 2015, the NYSDOH AIDS Institute launched a web-based public directory of experienced HIV care practitioners in New York State. We are excited to announce this directory has now been expanded to include experienced HCV care practitioners. **We encourage all HCV practitioners in New York State to register** for the purpose of providing the public with information about where patients living with HCV can access experienced providers within the State.

**Participation in this directory is voluntary.** It is compiled through provider self-identification, and includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and doctors of osteopathic medicine with experience in HCV care and treatment and who meet the [NYSDOH definition of an experienced HCV provider](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/). Please note that this list in no way constitutes credentialing or certification in a specialty. **Inclusion in this list does not confer any endorsement by the New York State Department of Health.** We confirm that practitioners are licensed to practice in New York State.

If you are interested in being listed in this directory, please follow the steps outlined below to register through our on-line registration system. We will email you annual reminders to confirm/update your contact information. **You are able to withdraw your name from this directory at any time.** If you already participate in the directory as an HIV provider and would also like to register as an HCV provider, simply log into HCS and update your record with your HCV-related information.

**To Register:**
First you must log on to the NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS). *If you do not already have an account or need help accessing your HCS account, please send an email to hcsoutreach@health.state.ny.us.*

- **Step 1:** Log on to HCS at [https://commerce.health.state.ny.us](https://commerce.health.state.ny.us).
- **Step 2:** Click ‘My Content’ -> ‘All Applications’.
- **Step 3:** Click letter ‘H’ and select ‘HIV/HCV Provider Directory’.
- **Step 4:** Follow the instructions as provided on the screen.
- **Step 5:** Email hivproviderdirectory@health.ny.gov with any questions or concerns.

The public listing of the directory will include providers’ names, contact information, and credentials as an HIV and/or HCV specialist (if applicable). This directory will be made available to the public online at [www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/) and will be updated at the beginning of each month.

Finally, please forward this invitation to any HCV or HIV care provider who may be interested in registering themselves in the directory. We thank you for your time and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

AIDS Institute, Viral Hepatitis Section