



Hepatitis A Cases Increase Among Men Having Sex with Men (MSM)

Dear Provider,

As you may already be aware, New York City has seen an increase in the number of cases of hepatitis A among men who have sex with men (MSM) during the first two months of 2017.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) issued a Health Alert (#6) on March 9, 2017. Some of the highlights include:

- In the first two months of 2017, NYC DOHMH has investigated five non-travel related cases of hepatitis A among MSM, nearly twice the number of such cases investigated in a typical year.
- In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) NYC DOHMH strongly recommends that all MSM receive 2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine in accordance with national standards of care.

The full text of the advisory is available here: [Health Alert \(#6\)](#)

Amida Care supports the vaccination of our members according to the CDC and New York State guidelines. Providers can check the [NYC Health Department's Citywide Immunization Registry \(CIR\)](#) for their patients' vaccination status. If your site does not offer hepatitis A vaccine, please refer at-risk patients to a facility that does or to the NYC Health Department Sexual Health Clinics. Clinic details can be found [here](#).

Amida Care appreciates your efforts to keep our members and New York City communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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