



Hepatitis C and Colorado

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C is an infection caused by the hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis means swelling of the liver. The hepatitis C virus is spread when infected blood comes in contact with another person's blood. Less than ¼ of people will clear the virus from their body. Current or past infection is detected by a blood test. Anyone that has ever been infected with the hepatitis C virus will test positive for the antibody to the hepatitis C virus. There is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C infection.

What does Hepatitis C Infection Do?

Hepatitis C is called a "silent infection". Only 20%-30% of newly infected people have symptoms. Symptoms are mild and not likely to prompt a medical visit. This makes new infections hard to detect. People with other health concerns or who have been infected for nearly 20 years may experience episodes of low energy, dark urine, joint pain, loss of appetite, and abdominal pain. Even without symptoms, the virus can damage the liver. Up to 5% of people that carry the hepatitis C virus will suffer from cirrhosis, chronic liver disease, or liver cancer.

Who's Infected with the Hepatitis C Virus?

Prior to the early 1990s, people were often infected as a result of blood transfusions or the use of blood products. In 1992, a screening test was developed to identify the virus, and this type of infection is now rare.

Most new cases today are the result of sharing among fellow drug users. This includes sharing the drugs, needles or other tools for preparing and injecting drugs. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also continues to investigate cases related to healthcare settings.

The Burden of Disease

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment estimates that 78,718 Coloradoans have ever been infected with hepatitis C. Nearly 64,000 Coloradoans are currently living with the infection. Since 1992, more than 43,000 hepatitis C cases were identified among Colorado residents. The number of individuals infected with the hepatitis C virus for 20 years or more is expected to peak in 2015. Many of these people still aren't aware of their infection and need to be tested.

Colorado's Response to Hepatitis C Infection

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) partners with community based organizations and local health departments throughout the state to:

- Promote hepatitis C testing for those at greatest risk of infection;
- Monitor the burden of hepatitis C in the community;
- Educate those at risk and the general public about hepatitis C, and
- Provide outreach services that link people to treatment.

In 2008/2009, CDPHE funded 12 sites to provide hepatitis C testing to clients at high-risk of infection. Sixteen percent the people tested positive for the hepatitis C virus. Many of these people were also offered free hepatitis A and B vaccine.

WELCOME TO THE HEP C CONNECTION RESOURCE GUIDE

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We hope that this Resource Guide will be helpful to you in your ongoing search for the latest information and resources. Please remember that resources are constantly changing and it is impossible to include every listing and to keep all the information accurate. Please help us to make this directory more comprehensive by submitting additions or corrections to: (720) 917-3960 or info@hepc-connection.org. Also check our website for the latest updates: www.hepc-connection.org.

Any agency or service listed here is not necessarily endorsed by Hep C Connection but is provided solely as helpful information. Hep C Connection assumes no liability for the use of any service or product mentioned. Always consult your physician for medical advice.

You are always welcome to call our office and ask for assistance in locating resources. Keep in mind:

- ✓ **Be prepared.** Get your information together before you place a call or schedule an appointment.
- ✓ **Stay organized.** Develop a notebook or file and keep everything together in one spot. (A shoebox is better than nothing!)
- ✓ **Keep good records.** Write down names, phone numbers, dates and what information you receive. Keep copies of everything: letters, insurance forms, and applications that you fill out.
- ✓ **Stay positive.** The system can be difficult. You may encounter delays, wrong information, unhelpful people, etc. Keep trying and find people who know the system and can help you. Learn to speak up for yourself and express your needs calmly and clearly.
- ✓ And finally, remember, **you are not alone.** There are people here to help and support you.

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HEPATITIS C INFORMATION

Hep C Connection HelpLine: 1-800-522-HEPC
www.hepc-connection.org or info@hepc-connection.org

Hep C Connection is a nationally recognized organization whose mission is to educate the general public about hepatitis C and to provide resources and support for those affected by the virus. Our Hepatitis HelpLine offers confidential information, support, and referrals to community resources, physicians, and local support groups. We also provide a monthly e-newsletter, a website, information packets, educational trainings, community outreach, and advocacy. Volunteers are needed. Call 303-860-0800 for more information.

The following support groups are free of charge and offer helpful information and support. Call the contact person listed for exact meeting times and locations:

Aurora	Consuelo	303-367-2813
Boulder	Carrie	303-678-6157
Capitol Hill (Denver)	Deidrea	720-917-3973
▪ Colorado Springs	Dave	719-236-1416
▪ Englewood	Jena`	303-239-0336
▪ Fort Collins	Jerry	970-214-2912
▪ Grand Junction	Rainy	970-241-6023
▪ HIV/HCV Co-Infected	Kim	303-862-0407
▪ Lakewood	Betsy	303-237-1150
▪ Pueblo	Rhonda	719-546-6666 x 136
▪ VA (Veterans Only)	Jena`	303-239-0336

COLORADO TESTING SITES FOR HEPATITIS C

These sites are subject to change and **may have restrictions**. It is recommended that you **call the site directly** before you go to the location. Free testing is only offered if the client reports *injection drug use, sex with a hepatitis C-positive person, or receipt of blood transfusion, blood products, or organ transplant before 1992*.

Boulder County Health Department Boulder	303-413-7500
Denver Health, 605 Bannock Denver	303-436-7463
El Paso County Health Department Colorado Springs	719-578-3148
Empowerment Denver	303-320-1989 x 227
Hep C Connection Denver	720-917-3970
Jefferson County Health Department Lakewood	303-239-7171
Mesa County Health Department Grand Junction	970-248-6900
Northern Colorado AIDS Project Ft. Collins	970-484-4469
Sisters of Color United for Education Denver	303-446-8800
Summit Community Care Clinic Frisco	970-668-4040
Western Colorado AIDS Project Grand Junction	970-243-2437 800-765-8594
Planned Parenthood (statewide)	800-230-PLAN

Sliding fee scale, call for information, no free testing.

Viral Hepatitis Program

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South (DCEED-HEP-A3)

Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

Phone: (303) 692-2780 Fax: (303) 759-5257

Website: www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/hepatitis

The Viral Hepatitis Program seeks to prevent the spread of viral hepatitis in Colorado, limit the progression and complications of viral hepatitis related liver disease, and advocate for viral hepatitis policies and resources. Current activities in the Program include:

surveillance for acute and chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C,
perinatal hepatitis B case management,
hepatitis immunization for high-risk populations,
hepatitis C testing for high-risk populations,
professional and public education, and
referral services for persons currently infected.

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HIV/HCV: RESOURCES FOR CO-INFECTION

The AIDS Coalition for Education (ACE) publishes a comprehensive Colorado resource directory of HIV services. You can access it online at www.acecolorado.org or call 303-830-0706. The Medical & Marketing Liaison at Hep C Connection, Stewart Thomas, can be reached at 720-917-3970 or sthomas@hepc-connection.org.

Colorado AIDS Project	303-837-0166
Boulder County AIDS Project	303-444-6121
Northern Colorado AIDS Project	970-484-4469
Southern Colorado AIDS Project	719-578-9092
Western Colorado AIDS Project	970-243-2437
National Aids Treatment Advocacy Project	888-26-NATAP
Women's Lighthouse Project	303-344-1878
Project Angel Heart	303-830-0202
HIV/HCV Co-Infection Support Group	303-862-0407

INFORMATION ABOUT HEPATITIS C

Several of these organizations have websites that are listed on pages 24-27.

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Viral Hepatitis Line	303-692-2780
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)	888-443-7232
Children's Hospital, Liver Clinic, Denver	303-837-2969
Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases (PKIDS)	877-557-5437
RMCHHealth – Prevention Information Center	303-239-8633
American Liver Foundation	800-465-4837
Hepatitis B Foundation	215-489-4900

Hepatitis Foundation International	800-891-0707
Hepatitis HelpLine - Hep C Connection	800-522-HEPC (4372)
Hepatitis Magazine (subscription info)	800-792-6397
Hep C Alert!	877-435-7443
Latino Organization for Liver Awareness (LOLA)	888-367-5652
Veterans Aimed Towards Awareness	302-633-5357

Clinical Trials

Also see website listings on page 25.

University of Colorado	303-315-1128
Rocky Mountain Clinical Research	303-279-1550
South Denver GI	303-788-8888

Pharmaceutical Company Programs

Provides treatment assistance for people with no insurance and/or low income. Also have educational materials and healthcare professionals to answer questions.

Infergen Aspire Support	888-668-3393
Roche Pegasys Resource Center	877-734-2797
Schering Commitment to Care	800-521-7157

Transplant Organizations

Donor Awareness www.donor-awareness.org Promotes awareness and education in Colorado.	888-388-8605
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American Transplant Foundation www.americantransplantfoundation.org Raises awareness and seeks better policy through legislative reform.	303-757-0959
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National Foundation for Transplants www.transplants.org Raises funds for operations, provides help with travel and drugs, and negotiates with healthcare providers on patients' behalf.	800-489-3863
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Transplant Recipient International Organization www.trioweb.org Nation-wide support network for patients and families.	800-TRI0386
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United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) www.unos.org Advance organ availability and transplantation by uniting and supporting our communities for the benefit of patients.	888-894-6361
US Department of Health & Human Services www.organdonor.gov Division of Transplantation, information, and referral.	301-443-7577
National Transplant Assistance Fund www.transplantfund.org Fundraising assistance for uninsured medical expenses.	800-642-8399

VACCINES

Anyone with hepatitis C should consider vaccination. Hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines can effectively prevent additional assaults on the liver caused by hepatitis A or hepatitis B viral infections. Individuals undergoing treatment should talk to their physicians and make sure they are up-to-date on their immunizations. Check the websites listed below to find a clinic near you. People with specific risk factors may qualify for vaccine at a reduced cost. Most insurance plans will cover vaccines.

Immunization Program, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment – provides a list of travel clinics in Colorado and information on adult immunization schedules.

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/index.html>

You can also find the contact information for your local health department at: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/as/locallist.asp>.

The National Immunization Program at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – provides a variety of information on all vaccines.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/>

StopHep.com – provides a list of state programs.

<http://www.stophep.com/StopHep/>

Immunization Action Coalition – provides information on all vaccines including schedules, safety, and recommendations.

<http://www.immunize.org/states/index.htm>

AGENCIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Colorado Springs Independence Center** 719-471-8181
To empower persons with disabilities to maximize their independence within the community and to remove barriers which impact their quality of life, while encouraging them to live independently in their community.
- Disability Center for Independent Living** 303-320-1345
Denver agency that seeks to help people with disabilities achieve greater independence to enhance their quality of life and increase employment options, offers information and referral and advocacy services.
- Easter Seals Colorado** 303-233-1666
Easter Seals offers a wide variety of programs & services such as the Center for Adaptive Technology, supported employment services, equipment purchase assistance, exercise classes, and information and referral.
- Fort Collins Disabled Resource Services** 970-482-2700
Provides a variety of services in areas of advocacy, awareness and access such as employment, independent living, equipment loan and information and referral.
- Boulder, Longmont Center for People with Disabilities** 303-772-3250
Offers advocacy and legal aid, peer counseling, independent living skills training, employment, financial issues, and information and referral.
- Connections for Independent Living (Greeley)** 970-352-8682
Centers for Independent Living (CIL) are regional organizations that provide services to help people with disabilities stay in the community.
- Mesa County Center for Independence (Gr. Junction)** 970-241-0315
- Moffit County Independent Life Center (Craig)** 970-826-0833
- Sangre De Cristo Independent Living Center (Pueblo)** 719-546-1271
- Southwest Independent Living Center (Durango)** 970-259-1672
- Assistive Technology Partners** 800-255-3477
Provides information for people with disabilities on finding funding and offers classes to learn computer skills, adaptive computing, internet, etc.
- Atlantis Community** 303-733-9324
Advocacy and information and referral services related to housing, employment,

transportation, recreation, etc. for people with disabilities.

COUNSELING / MENTAL HEALTH

Suicide & Depression Crisis Hotline

24-hours a day:

**888-SUICIDE (888-784-2433) or
(800-273-TALK)**

Community Mental Health Centers and Clinics provide mental health services including emergency/suicide services, evaluations, outpatient counseling, medication management, etc. Sliding scale fees; Medicaid/Medicare and private/supplemental insurance generally accepted but ask when you call for an appointment.

Adams Community Reach Center	303-853-3500
Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network	303-797-9346
24-hour Emergency Services	303-795-6187
(Note: Service area does not include Aurora)	
Asian Pacific Development Center	303-393-0304
Aurora Mental Health Center	303-617-2300
Aurora Comitis Crisis Center	303-343-9890
Centennial Mental Health Center (Sterling)	970-522-4392
CENTUS Center (formerly Samaritan Counseling)	303-639-5240
Colorado West Regional (Glenwood Springs)	970-945-2241
Greeley – North Range Behavioral Health	970-353-3686
Jefferson Center for Mental Health	303-425-0300
Larimer County Mental Health	970-494-4300
Mental Health Center of Boulder County	303-443-8500
Mental Health Center of Denver	303-504-1250
Mobile Crisis Line	303-436-4100
Mesa County Suicide Prevention Coalition (Grand Junction)	970-241-6022
Midwestern Colorado (Montrose)	970-249-9694

Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs)	719-572-6100
Pueblo Suicide Prevention Center	719-544-1133
San Luis Valley (Alamosa)	719-589-3673
Servicios De La Raza (bilingual)	303-458-5851
Maria Droste Services (Denver)	303-756-9052

COUNSELING - COMMUNITY BASED

El Futuro Drop-in center for gay and bisexual Latino men.	720-904-7125
It Takes a Village	303-367-4747
Sisters of Color United for Education	303-446-8800
The Center (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender)	303-733-7743
The Spot (for youth) The Spot's mission is: help at-risk urban youth have fun and mature into productive adults by providing a safe, supportive night-time environment that encourages respect, creativity, education, employment, and career and youth development.	303-291-0442
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	303-321-3104

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ABUSE: HOTLINES & SHELTERS

If you are experiencing increased stress or violence in a relationship, these agencies can provide counseling and crisis intervention.

Denver Metro:

Adult Protection Services (at-risk adults)	800-773-1366
Denver Safehouse	303-318-9989
Denver Crime Victim Services	303-894-8000
Domestic Violence Initiatives for Women with Disabilities	303-839-5510

Project Safeguard	303-863-7233
Anti-Violence Program	303-852-5094
Serving the LGBTQ community in the Denver metro region	

Southern Colorado:

Alamosa:	Tu Casa, Inc.	719-589-2465
Canon City:	Family Crisis Services	719-275-2429
Colorado Springs:	TESSA	719-633-3819
Pueblo:	Catholic Charities	719-544-4233
Pueblo:	YWCA Family Crisis Shelter	719-545-8195
La Junta:	Arkansas Valley Resource Center	719-384-7764

Northern Colorado:

Fort Collins:	Crossroads Safehouse	970-482-3502
Fort Morgan:	Domestic Violence	970-498-6300
Greeley:	A Woman's Place	970-356-4226
Loveland:	Alternatives to Violence	970-669-5150
Sterling:	Help for Abused Partners	970-522-2307

Western Slope:

Aspen:	Response: Help for Battered Women	970-925-SAFE
Avon/Vail:	Resource Center of Eagle County	970-949-7086
Frisco:	Advocates for Victims of Assault	970-668-3906
Glenwood:	Advocate Safe House Project	970-945-4439
Leadville:	Advocates of Lake County	719-486-3530
Salida:	Alliance Against Domestic Violence	719-539-7347
Woodland Park:	Teller County Advocates	719-687-3335

EMPLOYMENT

The following agencies help people with disabilities gain and/or retain employment. Some also work with employers by helping them understand the benefits of voluntary compliance with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Also see the Legal Section on Page 21-22 for additional resources regarding discrimination.

Arapahoe Community College Career Center 303-797-5805
Career research library and job placement.

Catholic Charities Employment Resource Center 303-294-0241
x 1074

Center for Work Education & Employment 303-892-8444
Helps low income adults prepare, find, and keep jobs.

Colorado Department of Labor & Employment 303-620-4700
Information on unemployment benefits, Workers Compensation & employment.

Colorado Vocational Rehabilitation Services Offices statewide
Provides vocational assessments, training, and placement. Can fund training and equipment that will help people to become employed.

Denver: 303-866-4150

Durango: 970-247-3161

Fort Collins: 970-223-9823

Glenwood Springs: 970-945-9174

Grand Junction: 970-248-7103

Montrose: 970-249-4468

Roots Program 720-858-2912
Trains people with disabilities in computer skills, business, accounting, etc. for careers in many areas. Must go through vocational rehabilitation services (see above) first. This program is housed at the Community College of Denver. Check with your local community college for additional resources.

Curtis Park Community Center 303-295-2399
Self sufficiency programs for people in Metro Denver.

Denver Urban Ministries 303-355-4896
Job counseling, placement, referrals, emergency services.

Disability Center for Independent Living 303-320-1345
Offers vocational counseling, job development, and job placement for Metro Denver residents with disabilities.

Easter Seals Colorado 303-233-1666

Supported employment services, training in computers, and adaptive equipment.

Colorado Springs: 719-574-9002

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	800-669-4000
Investigates allegations of discrimination.	303-866-1300

Employment & Training County Office	Offices statewide
Offers employment services, including employment counseling and job referral.	

Adams County: 303-453-8600

Boulder County: 303-301-2900

Denver County: 720-865-5700

Tri County (includes Jefferson): 303-271-4700

Jewish Family Services	303-597-5000
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Job Accommodation Network	800-526-7234
Assistance with reasonable accommodations and the Americans with Disabilities Act.	

Mi Casa Resource Center for Women	303-573-1302
Offering entrepreneurial training and small business planning; job training, placement and career counseling; GED and English as a Second Language classes; education, wellness, and youth leadership activities; community development.	

Regis University Employment Job Line	303-458-4386
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Rocky Mountain ADA Technical Assistance	800-949-4232
Answers questions related to the Americans with Disabilities Act.	

Stride	303-238-3580
Self sufficiency services for Adams, Arapahoe, & Jefferson County.	

Urban League of Metro Denver	303-388-5861
To help African American and other residents of metro Denver attain social and economic equality and self-reliance. Hosts a jobs database.	

U.S. Department of Justice, ADA Information Line	800-514-0301
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Westside One-Stop Career Center	720-944-1615
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Work Options for Women	720-944-1122
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9to5 Working Women Fund

303-628-0925

Employment counseling, job leads, access to computers, fax, classes.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Exercise is beneficial for people with hepatitis C. Check with your physician before beginning any new physical activity program. Check your local listings for current offerings in your area. Some examples of listings to check:

Park and Recreation Departments

YMCA/YWCA

Rehabilitation Centers

Yoga Schools

Tai Chi Societies

Water aerobics/swimming classes

FINANCIAL / FOOD HELP

Benefits Check Up

www.benefitscheckup.org

To find out what state & national programs you are eligible for. Online application only.

Consumer Credit Counseling

303-632-2227

Help with budgeting, bankruptcy, and financial counseling.

County Departments of Social Services

Offices statewide

Financial and emergency help for low-income people. Offers cash assistance, food stamps, and Medicaid programs to people who meet the eligibility requirements. Check your phone book for listings under "County".

Denver Urban Renewal

303-534-3872

Low interest loans for home modification and repairs. Other counties, check listings under county services.

Emergency Financial Services and Food Banks (Metro-Denver):

Aurora Family Assistance Center

303-363-9543

Aurora Interchurch Task Force

303-360-0260

Catholic Charities

303-742-0828

Denver Department of Human Services

720-944-2031

Denver Indian Center

303-937-0401

Denver Indian Family Resource Center

303-871-8035

Food Bank of the Rockies	303-371-9250
Good Shepherd Catholic Church	303-322-7706
Heat Help Line	866-432-8435
Inter-Faith Task Force	303-789-0501
JeffCo Action Center	303-237-7704
Lutheran Family Services	303-922-3433
Metro CareRing	303-860-7200
Salvation Army	303-295-3366
Servicios De La Raza	303-458-5851
SHARE Colorado	303-428-0400
Urban League	303-388-5861
Volunteers of America	303-295-2165

Food Stamps Offices statewide
The Colorado State Food Stamps Program assists low-income individuals and families who need assistance purchasing food. Gross monthly income of most households must be 130% of federal poverty level or below. Call your local county social service office.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
Help with utility bills. Call your local county social service office.

Mile High United Way Helpline 211
This telephone service provides information and referral to community services in Colorado. www.unitedwaydenver.org.

Project Angel Heart 303-830-0202
Home delivered meals for people too ill to cook for themselves.

Seniors Answers and Services 303-333-3482

Social Security Administration 800-772-1213
Offers two types of disability income, Social Security Disability (SSDI) and

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for people who can no longer work and who meet Social Security guidelines. Call your local Bar Association for attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases. Hep C Connection also has additional information that can be sent to you. You can now apply online at www.ssa.gov.

HEALTH CARE FOR LOW INCOME / NO INSURANCE

Clinics: These are some of the clinics that may provide evaluation for people who have tested positive for HCV or may be able to refer you to a specialist for further evaluation. Many provide sliding scales and indigent care but be sure to find out about fees when you make the appointment. You can also call your County Department of Public Health for current clinic information or your closest hospital.

Colorado Community Health Network, 303-861-5165, offers federally funded clinics with a sliding fee scale to low-income residents. Clinics are located statewide. Check website for more info & locations: www.cchn.org and see listings below.

If you live in Denver County, see the listings below under Denver Health for several community clinics where you can see a primary care physician for an initial appointment. Then ask about a referral to the Hep C Clinic at the Davis Pavilion at Denver Health for further evaluation to see if you need a biopsy or possibly treatment for hepatitis C.

If you live outside of Denver County and do not have insurance, call the **Metro Community Provider Network** at 303-761-4825 or www.mcpcn.com (and see below) for referral information about their facilities. These clinics can refer you to the Gastro Clinic at University Hospital for further evaluation and possibly treatment. Ask for a viral load and genotype test in order to be seen at University.

Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)

303-866-2580

This is a statewide program that provides care to people who meet the financial requirements based on a sliding fee scale. The program requires co-pays of enrolled individuals and families and currently covers families to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. Only certain hospitals and clinics provide services for CICP; for Denver residents you must be seen at Denver Health or one of their satellite clinics (see below). For provider directory, locations and further information, visit their website at www.chcpf.state.co.us and click on the link to CICP/medically indigent. You must apply and be denied for Medicaid if you appear to be eligible for Medicaid to be eligible for CICP. You may still be eligible for CICP if you have Medicare and other health insurance. If approved, services may include emergency care, inpatient care, outpatient care and prescription drugs but services differ by provider. You never have to pay more

than 10% of your income in a year for care. This is not an insurance program but a way that providers get reimbursed for providing care.

Denver Health Community Services:

You must complete a financial screening if you do not have health insurance in order to get a blue card to be seen at Denver Health clinics. Call 303-436-3651 for times, locations, and questions regarding requirements. If you have a blue card, call 303-436-6065 X 1 X 0 to get an appointment to the Hep C Clinic at Denver Health. **If you have questions about applying for Medicaid, CHP+, CICP, CHS, etc. call 720-956-2300 for enrollment assistance.**

Denver Health (main number)	303-436-6000
Eastside Adult Clinic	303-436-4604
General Medical Clinic	303-436-6065
LaMariposa Health Station	720-956-2260
Lowry Family Health Center	303-436-4545
Park Hill Family Health Center	720-956-2820
LaCasa Quigg Newton	303-436-8700
Samaritan House (Homeless)	303-294-0241
Stout Street (Homeless Only)	303-293-2220
Westside Family Health Center	303-436-4200

Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN) Clinics **303-761-4825**

Aurora:

Hoffman Heights	303-343-6130
Helena	303-343-6736
Parker Place	303-752-8070
Potomac St.	303-360-3712

Englewood 303-788-0782

Jefferson County 303-239-9964

Lakewood (Estes Street) 303-202-2911

Lakewood (Eiber and Stein) 303-761-4825

Littleton Health & Wellness Center 303-738-9043

Platte Canyon (Bailey) 303-838-1166

Teen Clinic Info Line 303-762-6540

Clinica Campesina Health Services **720-322-7084**

Thornton, Westminster, Lafayette

Cover Colorado, Uninsurable Health Insurance Program **303-863-1960**

Provides high-deductible insurance to people who cannot get insurance from commercial insurers because they have pre-existing conditions.

Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) **303-692-2960 or 800-359-1991**

Child Health Plan Plus is health insurance coverage for low income children under 19 years of age, who are not eligible for Medicaid, and whose families have incomes at or below 205% of federal poverty level.

Children's Hospital 303-837-2740

Denver Rescue Mission (homeless) 303-294-0157

Doctors Care 303-730-1313

For people with no health insurance or with Medicaid living in Douglas, Elbert, and Arapahoe Counties. Must complete application and meet financial guidelines.

Family Healthline 303-692-2229

Helps find free or low cost health care, eligibility guidelines.

Free Medicine Foundation 800-812-5152

Help in finding free prescriptions for people with no insurance.

Indian Health Services 303-781-4050

Provides emergency vouchers for dental, optical, medical, bus tokens, etc. Proof of tribal membership and photo ID required.

Inner City Health Care, Denver 303-296-1767

La Clinica Tepeyac, Denver 303-458-5302

National Alliance for Hispanic Health 202-387-5000

Partnership for Prescription Assistance 888-477-2669

St. Joseph's Hospital Caritas, Denver 303-318-2250

Other Denver Metro Area:

Tri County Health Department (Northglenn) 303-452-9547

Tri County Health (Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas) 303-341-9370

Englewood 303-788-0782

Jeffco Clinic 303-239-7078

Sheridan Health Services 303-781-1636

Outside of Denver:

Alamosa Area, Valley Wide Health (10 clinics) 719-589-5161

Serves 12 counties in Southern Colorado.

Alamosa Family Medical Center 719-589-3658

Boulder:

Avista Adventist Hospital 1000	303-673-
Clinica Campesina (Lafayette)	303-665-9310
Boulder County People's Clinic	303-449-0858
Dental Aid (Boulder County Low income residents only)	303-665-8228
Black Hawk Area: Mountain Family Health	
Black Hawk, Gilpin, Boulder, Nederland, Garfield, Pitkin, and Eagle area.	303-582-5276
Buena Vista and Salida, Heart of the Rockies	719-530-2000
Burlington, Parke Health Center	719-346-9481
Cesar Chavez, Saguache County	719-754-2778
Cripple Creek, Southern Teller County Health	719-632-5700
Colorado Springs Area:	
El Paso, Pikes Peak Region Community Health Centers	719-630-6440
Medical Services Clinic	719-632-5700
Homeless Clinic	719-471-2789
High Country Health Center (Fairplay)	719-836-1900
St. Francis Penrose	719-776-3108
Dolores County Dove Creek Community	970-677-2291
Durango – Valleywide Health	970-247-2611
Elbert County, Plains Medical Center	719-775-2367
Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, Kit Carson and Lincoln counties.	
Fremont Valleywide Family Medical Clinic	719-275-2301
Glenwood Springs Mountain Family Clinic	970-945-2840
Grand Junction, St. Mary's	970-244-2087
Grand Junction, Marillac Clinic	970-255-1782
Greeley, Sunrise Community Health	970-353-9403
Guadalupe Health Center, Antonito	719-376-5426
Huerfano County La Clinica	719-746-2244
LaJunta Valley Wide Health	719-383-5900

Lamar & Prowers Co. High Plains Community Health	719-336-0261
Larimer County	
Ft. Collins Family Medical Center	970-495-8800
Loveland Community Health Center	970-669-4855
Las Animas Valley Wide Health Services	719-456-2653
Logan County, Crook Family Health Center	970-886-2092
Loveland Community Health	970-353-9403
Mancos Valley Health Center	970-533-9125
Mesa County	
Marillac Clinic	970-255-1782
St. Mary's Family Practice	970-244-2800
Moffat County Care Clinic	970-824-2273
Monte Vista, Rio Grande Medical Center	719-852-2512
Morgan County, CO Plains Clinic	970-867-3391
Wiggins Family Clinic, Brush Family Hospital	970-842-6202
Phillips County, Holyoke Family Practice	970-854-2500
Pueblo County Community Health Centers	719-543-8718
Rocky Ford, Valley-Wide Health Services	719-254-7623
Saguache County, Cesar Chavez Family Med.	719-754-2778
San Luis Health Center	719-672-3352
San Miguel County Uncompahgre Combined Clinics	970-327-4233
Salud Family Health Centers	303-892-6401/800-388-4325
Brighton Salud Clinic	303-659-4000
Commerce City Salud Clinic	303-286-8900
Estes Park Salud Clinic	970-586-9230
Frederick Salud Clinic	303-833-2050
Ft. Collins Salud Clinic	970-494-4040
Ft. Lupton Salud Clinic	303-892-0004
Ft. Morgan Salud Clinic	970-867-0300
Longmont Salud Clinic	303-776-3250

Sterling Salud Clinic	970-526-2589
Sedgwick Valley Medical Clinic	970-474-3323
Stratton Medical Center	719-348-4650
Teller County, Divide Health Center	719-632-5700
Trinidad, Mount San Rafael Hospital	719-846-9213
Walsenburg, Spanish Peaks Regional	719-738-4544
Washington County, Akron Clinic	970-848-4615
Wray Clinic	970-332-4811
Yuma County, Grassroots Clinic	970-848-4615

DENTAL

KIND (children without Medicaid in Tri-County area) 303-288-6816

Salud (adult emergency only for Adams County) 303-286-8900

UCHSC Student Dental Clinic 303-724-6942

Denver Health Dental Department 303-436-6440

Denver Health Westside Dental 303-436-6440

Denver Health Eastside Dental 303-436-4740

Dental Aid (Boulder County only) 303-499-7072

Denver Rescue Mission 303-294-0157

Offers medical, dental, and optical services

HOUSING

Call your county housing authority or county human services for information on subsidized or low cost housing.

Access Housing

303-289-7078

Almost Home (Adams County only)	303-659-6199
Catholic Charities	303-287-1127
Colfax Community Network	303-360-9175
Colorado Housing & Financial Authority	303-297-2432
Community Housing Services, Inc. Offers info & referral on housing, home ownership programs, legal resources.	303-831-1935
Habitat for Humanity	303-534-2929
Landlord Tenant Disputes	303-831-1935
Rocky Mountain Housing (subsidized housing)	303-863-8651

SHELTERS - Overnight:

Shelter Referral Hotline	
Emergency shelter	303-561-2222
Family support line	303-695-7996
Boulder Shelter for the Homeless	303-442-4646
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	303-293-2217
Crossroads – Salvation Army	303-298-1028
Denver Rescue Mission	303-297-1815
New Genesis (a shelter for single men)	303-831-4910
Sacred Heart House (mothers and children)	303-296-6686
Samaritan House (for families, single men/women)	303-295-7837
Theodora House (a shelter for single women)	303-620-9190
Stride (offers Transitional Housing)	303-363-6335
Jeffco Action Center (a shelter for families)	303-237-7704
Interfaith Hospitality Network (a shelter for families)	303-675-0713
Growing Home (a shelter for women and children)	303-426-0430
House of Hope (a shelter for women and children)	303-762-9525
Family Homestead (emergency for up to 90 days)	303-623-6514
Delores Project (a shelter for single women over 18)	720-218-5466

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Urban Peak (Youth Shelter – Under 21 yrs.)	303-777-9198
Comitis Crisis Center	303-343-9890
Gemini House (11-17 years)	303-235-0630

The Spot	303-291-0442
Sox Place	303-296-3443
Standup for Kids	303-892-8328

DAY SHELTERS:

The Gathering Place (Women and Children)	303-321-4198
St. Francis Center (Men and Women)	303-297-1577
Senior Support Services (Age 55 and older)	303-832-1622

INSURANCE, MEDICARE & MEDICAID

Colorado Foundation for Medical Care Hotline 303-695-3333

800-727-7086

Colorado Insurance Commissioner

303-894-7499

For questions about insurance laws and regulations.

800-930-3745

Health Insurance Counseling

800-544-9181/303-899-5151

For seniors or people on Social Security Disability.

Long-term Care Ombudsman

800-288-1376

For complaints regarding nursing home care.

Ombudsman Service – Medicaid

303-830-3560

Resolves complaints with Medicaid issues.

877-435-7123

Medicaid First Help Line

800-283-3221

For those who want to know if they qualify for Medicaid.

Medicaid Customer Service Information Line

303-866-3513

Medicare Health Insurance Hotline

800-633-4227

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

888-477-2669

Patient Advocate Foundation

800-532-5274

Provides legal and managed care consulting services.

Patient Services, Inc.

800-366-7741

Non-profit assistance for chronic conditions.

LEGAL HELP

American Civil Liberties Union

303-777-5482

Boulder County Legal Services**303-449-7575****Call a Lawyer:**

Law line 9 Channel 9: Every Wednesday 4:15 to 6:30 p.m.

303-698-0999**Catholic Immigration Services****303-742-4971****Center's Legal Initiatives Project (CLIP)****303-733-7743**

Offers legal advocacy and referrals for the GLBT community & those with HIV.

Child Support Enforcement**720-944-2960****Colorado Bar Association****303-860-1115/800-332-6736**

Pro bono programs are located across the state.

Colorado Civil Rights Division**303-894-2997****Colorado Consumer Line****800-222-4444****Colorado Legal Services, Main Office****303-837-1313**

Formerly Legal Aid Society of Metro Denver.

Consumers Affairs/Legal Assistance**303-758-8200**

Help through the Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau.

Family & Medical Leave Act**720-264-3250**

U.S. Dept. of Labor Info Line.

Guardianship Alliance of Colorado**303-423-2898**

Help for adults who have guardianship questions.

Legal Clinic - Denver Dept. of Human Services**720-944-2594**

Third Tues. of the month. Call for times and location.

Legal Center for People with Disabilities (Denver)**303-722-0300**

Includes the HIV Legal Project.

800-288-1376**Legal Center for People with Dis. (Grand Junct.)****970-241-6371****Metropolitan Lawyer Referral Service****303-831-8000****MASSAGE**

These schools may offer reduced rates:
Boulder College of Massage Therapy
Colorado School of Healing Arts
986-2320

303-530-2100
303-

ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture & Healing Center	303-255-2680
Front Range Acupuncture	303-949-0620
Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, LLC	303-337-2866
Insight Acupuncture	303-715-1573

PRISONER RE-ENTRY

The following organizations provide help to individuals who have recently been released from prison.

Denver Metro Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative	303-320-1989 x 213
Empowerment Program	303-320-1989
Denver Works	303-433-0300
Dept. of Corrections, Faith & Citizen Prog.	719-226-4481
Div. of Adult Parole, Community Corrections	303-763-2420
Friends in Transition	303-952-5881
MCCR – JobStart Program	303-860-1819 x 17
New Foundations Non-Violence Center	303-825-2562
Project Redemption	303-297-8010
Road Called STRATE	303-360-9176
Turnabout, Inc.	303-813-0005

TATTOO REMOVAL

The following Denver area organizations provide tattoo removal and have received positive reviews:

Rocky Mountain Laser Aesthetics	303-985-8520
Tattoo Must GO	303-781-8181
Expert Laser Removal	303-355-7550
Ink-B-Gone (Central Denver)	303-777-5795
Ink-B-Gone (North Denver)	303-280-5795

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

People with hepatitis C should stop drinking alcohol immediately and seek treatment if they need help to stay sober. Injection drug users have an extremely high risk of becoming infected with hep C. Bleaching needles may not kill the virus. The best way to be safe is to seek treatment for drug problems. There are over 500 treatment programs

around the state. **Check with the Colorado Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) at 303-866-7480 for a list of licensed programs.**

Harm Reduction Project

303-572-7800

Outreach, overdose prevention, Drop in center.

Al-Anon/ Alateen	888-425-2666
Alcoholics Anonymous	303-322-4440
Arapahoe House	303-657-3700
ARTS	303-333-4288
Aurora Center for Treatment	303-340-8990
Boulder Clinic	303-245-0123
C.A.D.R.E.C.	303-295-2521
CATS	303-394-2714
Cocaine Anonymous	303-421-5120
Colorado Springs Treatment Center	719-475-7052
The Council	303-825-8113
Crystal Meth Anonymous	303-293-9664
Denver Area Youth Services	303-698-2300
Denver Behavioral Health Center	303-629-5293
Denver Cares Detox Facility	303-436-3500
Denver Health Outpatient Behavioral	303-436-5690
Eagle Lodge	303-329-6789
Empowerment Program	303-320-1989
Narcotics Anonymous	303-832-3784
North Denver Behavioral	303-487-7776
Project Safe	303-315-0950
Salvation Army	303-294-0827
Stout Street Foundation	303-321-2533
Veteran's Administration	303-393-2882

SYRINGES

The safest way to stop spreading hepatitis B, C, and HIV / AIDS is to *stop injecting*. But if you choose to continue to use, using a brand new needle is safer than sharing or even bleaching. Also do not share cottons, cookers, rinse water and the drug itself. Here are some places in the Denver area that sell syringes and are considered "friendly pharmacies".

Albertson's	3125 S. Sheridan Blvd.
Capital Heights	1200 Madison St.
Colorado	701 E. Colfax Ave.
Cornell	2190 E. 18 th Ave.
King Soopers	890 S. Monaco

Raleigh	4200 W. Conejos Pl.
Rite Aid	750 16 th St.
Skyline	939 E. 11 th Ave.
Tobins	4100 W. Colfax
Walgreens	950 S. Quebec St.
Windsor Garden	9660 E. Alameda Ave.
Yosemite Drug	8962 E. Hampden Ave.

TRANSPORTATION

Denver Metro Area:

Community Resources (Arapahoe County)	303-738-8040
Community Wheels – Senior Resource Center	303-235-6972
Lakewood Rides (Jefferson County)	303-987-4827
Littleton Omnibus (Arapahoe County)	303-795-3700
Medicaid Transportation	800-284-5150
Mobile Access	303-274-9895
Red Cross (fee charged)	303-722-7474
RTD Bus Routes	303-299-6000
RTD Access-a Ride (must schedule an assessment first)	303-299-2960

Outside Denver:

Ft. Collins Dial-A-Ride	970-224-6066
Steamboat Springs Transit	970-879-3717

WEBSITES

Be careful when you go on the Internet to get information. Sites that end in “org” are typically organizations. “Edu” sites are usually from educational organizations or universities and “gov” sites are government sites. But “com” sites are commercial sites where you may encounter advertising and items for sale.

HEPATITIS C SITES:

www.hepc-connection.org – Hep C Connection
www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/hepatitis - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Viral Hepatitis Program
www.cdc.gov/nsidod/diseases/hepatitis/hepatitis.htm – CDC Hepatitis Branch
www.hcvadvocate.org – HCV Advocate Support Project
www.hepcchallenge.org – Hepatitis C Caring Ambassadors
www.HIVandHepatitis.com – HIV & Hepatitis Information
www.texasliver.org – Texas Liver Coalition
www.hepeducation.org – Hepatitis Education Project
www.liverfoundation.org – American Liver Foundation
www.hepfi.org – Hepatitis Foundation International
www.immunize.org – Immunization (Hep B) Action Coalition

www.hepnet.com – Hepatitis Information Network
www.hepatitisneighborhood.com – Hepatitis Neighborhood
www.hepB.org – Hepatitis B Foundation
www.drkoop.com –Hepatitis chat at Dr. Koop’s Community
www.nationalhepatitis-c.org - National network; education, support, advocacy
www.liverdisease.com - Home page of Melissa Palmer, MD
www.uchsc.edu/sm/aids - HIV/HCV Center of Excellence
www.natap.org - Information about HIV/HCV co-infection
www.hepatitis.va.gov – Veterans Administration site
www.veteranshepaware.com - Veterans hep C organization
www.hepcvets.com – Veterans and hepatitis C
www.pkids.org - Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases
www.geocities.com/hepcquilt - Hepatitis C quilt information and where it will tour
www.hepatitis-central.com – Miscellaneous information
www.hepcnetwork.org – National Hepatitis C Advocacy Council
www.hepcan.org – Hep C Advocate Network
www.vaccine.org – Allied Vaccine Group

MEDICAL SITES:

www.webmd.com – Web MD, health info & support needs
www.aasld.org – American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
www.acg.gi.org – American College of Gastroenterology
www.gastro.org – Digestive Health Initiative
www.mdexpress.com - Physician website
www.niddk.nih.gov – Nat’l Digestive Diseases Info Clearinghouse
www.pubs.ama-assn.org – Journal of the American Medical Association
www.nlm.nih.gov – National Library of Medicine
www.thelancet.com – Lancet Interactive independent medical journal
www.nejm.org – New England Journal of Medicine
www.theACPA.org – American Chronic Pain Association

CLINICAL TRIALS:

www.centerwatch.com – CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Services
www.clinicaltrials.gov – Listing of research studies
www.veritasmedicine.com – Listings of clinical trials
www.ifpma.org/clinicaltrials - Links information about clinical trials worldwide

HEALTH INSURANCE:

www.dora.state.co.us/insurance - Colorado insurance information
www.medicare.gov - Federal site for Medicare info
www.patientadvocate.org - Insurance and financial resources, etc.
www.healthinsuranceinfo.net - Insurance regulations by state

COMPLIMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE:

www.nccam.nih.gov - National Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Clearinghouse

www.nccaom.org - National Certification Commission of Acupuncture

www.thriveonline.com - ThriveOnline, nutrition, fitness, weight, sexuality

www.objectivemedicine.com - Alternative medicine options for hep C

www.holisticmedicine.org - American Holistic Medical Association

www.naturopathic.org - American Association of Naturopathic Physicians

www.nccaom.org - National Certification Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine

GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

www.ssa.gov - Social Security Administration

www.va.gov - Veterans Administration

www.fda.gov - Food and Drug Administration

www.nih.gov - National Institute of Health

www.congress.org - Identify your legislators and send them an e-mail message

www.eeoc.gov - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

www.benefitscheckup.org - To determine eligibility for government programs

www.govbenefits.gov - To determine eligibility for programs and how to apply

www.AIDSinfo.nih.gov - HIV/ AIDS research, treatment, prevention, medical practice

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES:

www.helpingpatients.org - Database for patient assistance programs

www.freeMedicine.com - Prescription drug assistance program

www.themedicineprogram.com - Prescription drug assistance program

www.amgen.com - Amgen

www.pegasys.com - Roche

www.sch-plough.com - Schering Plough

www.infergen.com - Valeant

www.hepcfight.com - Roche

www.all-about-hepatitis.com - Schering

www.pparx.org - Partnership for Prescription Assistance

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT:

www.alcoholicsanonymous.org - Alcoholics Anonymous

www.al-anon-alateen.org - Help for family members of alcoholics

www.na.org - Narcotics Anonymous

www.crystalmeth.org - Help for crystal meth addiction

www.hcvanonymous.com - 12 step support group for those with HCV

www.ihrproject.org - Harm Reduction Project

www.harmreduction.org - Harm Reduction Coalition

www.cdc.gov/outreach - Outreach to injection drug users

www.adultchildren.org - Adults whose lives were affected by alcoholic parents

www.aca-usa.org - American Council on Alcoholism

www.nlcatp.org - Latino Council on Alcohol & Tobacco

www.adultchildren.org – Adult children of alcoholic parents
www.tweaker.org – Crystal meth users
www.crystalneon.org – Crystal meth users
www.samhsa.gov – Substance abuse and mental health services, federal agency

TRANSPLANTS:

www.transplants.org – National Foundation for Transplants
www.trioweb.org – Transplant Recipient International Org.
www.unos.org – United Network for Organ Sharing
www.organdonor.gov – US Dept. of Health & Human Services
www.transplantfund.org – National Transplant Assistance Fund
www.donor-awareness.org – Donor Awareness Council
www.americantransplantfoundation.org – American Transplant Foundation

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