



Department of Human Services  
Office of Mental Health & Addiction Services

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TO: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Directors  
Community Mental Health Program Directors

FROM: Bob Miller, Operations Manager

RE: Revised protocols and infectious disease risk assessment tool

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The standards for outpatient and residential alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs require infectious disease risk assessments to include risk assessment for Hepatitis C virus (HCV) in addition to the other infectious diseases.

Hepatitis C virus is a serious public health issue affecting many clients who receive alcohol and drug abuse treatment services. IV drug users are at greater risk for Hepatitis C infection.

The Office has developed an infectious disease risk assessment and protocols for using the risk assessment tool to incorporate relevant questions and language pertaining to Hepatitis C infection. These new tools will be useful in assisting treatment providers to comply with the revised standards.

The Office has developed a Spanish and a Russian translation of the risk assessment and protocols. These versions are available now. If you require the documents in an alternative format, please contact (who?) at 503-945-?. They are also available through the OMHAS web site at [www.dhs.state.or.us/addiction](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/addiction).