

AGENCY LETTERHEAD

Linkage Agreement
Between
TESTING AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS
And
REFERRAL AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

PURPOSE OF LINKAGE AGREEMENT: *The purpose of this linkage agreement is to acknowledge the collaborative relationship that exists between, and outline the cooperative efforts of, the above-named agencies to coordinate and integrate services and care for individuals who are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV) or have reactive/positive rapid HCV antibody test results. Staff of both agencies will document services provided and conduct follow-up as necessary, provided appropriate confidentiality releases are obtained.*

UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, TESTING AGENCY AGREES TO:

1. *Refer clients who have a reactive/positive rapid hepatitis C antibody test and/or a detectable HCV RNA test to REFERRAL AGENCY for HCV diagnostic testing (HCV RNA) and/or HCV medical evaluation and treatment assessment.*
2. *Contact REFERRAL AGENCY to coordinate appointments for clients with a reactive/positive hepatitis C rapid antibody test result and/or a detectable HCV RNA test.*
3. *Obtain client’s signed consent agreement to release confidential information to provide REFERRAL AGENCY with a copy of the referred client’s HCV test results.*

UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, REFERRAL AGENCY AGREES TO:

1. *Accept referrals to conduct HCV diagnostic testing for clients with reactive/positive rapid hepatitis C antibody test and/or HCV medical evaluation and treatment assessment for clients with a detectable HCV RNA test from TESTING AGENCY.*
2. *Contact TESTING AGENCY to verify client’s receipt of HCV diagnostic testing and/or HCV medical evaluation and treatment assessment.*
3. *Provide HCV medical evaluation and linkage to specialized HCV care based on HCV diagnostic test result and as needed and appropriate.*

GENERAL TERMS

Both agencies agree to secure appropriate authorization for Release of Information from clients prior to sharing client-identifying information.

Neither party will hold the other financially responsible for services provided as a result of the agreement.

This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by one or both parties via a written 30 day notice.

Responsibility for coordination of this agreement shall be the parties signed below or his/her designee.

TESTING AGENCY SIGNATURE/TITLE

DATE

REFERRAL AGENCY SIGNATURE/TITLE

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