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Letter of Award

DATE: July 1, 2026

TO: Local Health Jurisdiction or Community Based Organization

SUBJECT: In-Kind Award Notification: Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Rapid RNA Testing Systems and Supplies

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), is pleased to announce that your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) or Community-Based Organization (CBO) has been selected to receive **in-kind support for Cepheid GeneXpert Xpress machines, Xpert HCV ribonucleic acid (RNA) rapid test cartridges, and related testing supplies**, as authorized by Assembly Bill 116 (Health omnibus trailer bill, Chapter 21, Statutes of 2025). Supply quantities are limited, and CDPH cannot guarantee fulfillment of all items requested. This award is strictly in-kind and includes no monetary distribution. This notification does not constitute a grant award and involves no transfer of monetary funds.

Upon delivery, awardees assume full ownership of the testing equipment, including responsibility for routine maintenance, repairs, and replacement after the CDPH-funded 12-month service period. CDPH Office of STIs and HCV (OSH) will provide 12 months of service coverage for the HCV RNA rapid testing systems; any service needs beyond the initial 12-month period will be the responsibility of the awardee.

In-Kind Support Activities

Testing equipment and supplies to awarded organizations will be procured by the CDPH OSH and drop-shipped by the vendor. These resources are intended to expand rapid HCV RNA testing capacity in California and improve early identification and treatment for individuals with hepatitis C.

Awarded organizations may receive one or more of the following items, based on eligibility, prioritization criteria, and supply availability:

- Cepheid GeneXpert Xpress Systems (two-slot or four-slot configurations)
- Limited supply of Cepheid Xpert HCV Rapid RNA Test Cartridges
- HCV RNA Test Controls

- Testing Supplies (lancets, pads, gloves, etc.)

Acceptance of Award Conditions:

As a condition for receiving HCV rapid RNA testing systems, test kits, and supplies, your organization agrees to the following:

1. Ownership, Maintenance and Service Requirements

CDPH OSH will procure and ship eligible testing equipment and supplies. Upon delivery, awardees assume ownership and responsibility for ongoing maintenance, repair, and service after the initial 12-month CDPH-funded service period. CDPH OSH may provide additional supplies on a limited basis if funds and inventory remain available.

2. Organizational Requirements

Awardees must have the infrastructure to safely conduct rapid HCV RNA testing, including:

- A current CLIA Certificate of Waiver and an HCV RNA testing quality assurance plan
- Licensed or trained personnel who meet the authorization requirements under Business and Professions Code section 1206.5 or Health and Safety Code section 120917 to perform CLIA-waived HCV RNA tests
- Refrigeration for storage of test controls
- Systems to collect and report required test data per Title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 2505
- Capacity to treat or link clients with positive HCV RNA results to appropriate care and connect clients with negative results to prevention services

Awardees are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the use of testing equipment, laboratory practices, data reporting, and patient confidentiality.

3. Data and Reporting Requirements

Awardees must submit documentation for received supplies and testing outputs, including:

- Signed and dated packing slip confirmation upon delivery of equipment and/or supplies
- Securely report monthly HCV RNA testing logs and required patient-level data, including positive and negative results and treatment initiation and/or linkage to care.

- Reporting methods will be provided by CDPH OSH and may include secure file transfer, California Reportable Diseases Information Exchange (CalREDIE), or other CDPH OSH-approved secure data-submission methods. .

Next Steps

To receive the in-kind support (Cepheid machine, tests kits, and related testing supplies), LHJs or CBOs must submit the following no later than close of business, **July 15, 2026** via email to CDPHSTDProcurement@cdph.ca.gov with a Cc to Michelle.Estrada@cdph.ca.gov.

1. Signed Acceptance of Award*

*Important Note: If Board of Supervisors signature is required and the next available meeting is after **July 15, 2026**, please notify Michelle.Estrada@cdph.ca.gov with the date you plan to add this to the Board of Supervisors agenda.

Once the required documentation is received and CDPH OSH has completed procurement and administrative processes, awardees will receive direct shipment of equipment and related supplies.

Contact Information

We look forward to working with you to provide the in-kind support needed to advance rapid HCV RNA testing capacity and strengthen hepatitis C prevention and response efforts across California. If you have any questions, please contact cdph.hep@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Alexia McGonagle
Assistant Office Chief
Office of STIs and HCV

Enclosures:

1. Acceptance of Award
2. List of In-Kind Support Awardees

cc: Kathleen Jacobson, MD, Chief, Office of STIs and HCV
Orlanda Tafolla, Chief, Business Operations Support Section
Rachel Piper, Chief, Contracts and Purchasing Unit
Michelle Estrada, Contracts and Purchasing Analyst
Andrea Vazquez, Project Coordinator

Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Rapid RNA Testing Systems and Supplies
In-Kind Support Awardee List

Local Health Jurisdiction or Community Health Organization Name
API Wellness Center dba San Francisco Community Health Center
Bienestar Human Services
Conejo Health
County of Sacramento, Department of Health Service, Division of Public Health, Sexual Health Promotion Unit
Face to Face
HIV & Integrated Services
Imperial County Department of Public Health
Integrated Wellness Solutions
Kedren Community Health Center (FQHC in South LA)
Lassen County Public Health
Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health
Madera County Department of Public Health
Mono County Dept Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health
Nevada County Public Health Department
OBIC Clinic
Safer Together
San Bernardino County Department of Public Health
San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF)
San Francisco Department of Public Health
San Ysidro Health
Stanislaus County Health Services Agency
UCSF DeLIVER Care
University of California, San Diego
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, Division of HIV, ID, and Global Medicine



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ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health

Acknowledgement of Terms and Requirements of Award

I understand and accept the conditions outlined in the July 1, 2026 Letter of Award and will ensure that all site personnel responsible for administering the State-supplied HCV Rapid RNA Testing Systems and supplies are informed of, understand, and agree to these requirements.

I hereby accept this in-kind support. By accepting this in-kind support, I agree to the requirements as described in the July 1, 2026 Letter of Award and any other conditions stipulated by the California Department of Public Health, Office of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV).

Authorized Signature

Date

Dawn Rowe

Print Name

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Title

