



## **Community Access National Network's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection to Focus on COVID-19's Impact**

*This year's report will be featured as an Institute during Virtual SYNChronicity 2020*

WASHINGTON, DC (June 30, 2020) – The Community Access National Network, otherwise known as CANN, together with HealthHIV and HealthHCV today announced it would host its **5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection** as an Institute during HealthHIV's *Virtual SYNChronicity 2020*. The Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection will be featured on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST.

The COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S. has exposed to many people, for the first time, the inherent weaknesses that exist in our national healthcare system. From concerns about treatment coverage to widespread surveillance failures, this pandemic has demonstrated that, for most of the U.S., both federal and state governments have failed to invest in modernization, rural health, and surveillance infrastructure. For those living with HIV, viral hepatitis, and/or co-infection of the two, these issues have long been apparent and improvements have been incremental.

This year's National Monitoring Report will be a departure from prior years, where the emphasis has been on drug coverage for State AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) and Medicaid programs. Instead, it will focus on the prior authorization requirements that continue to impede America's efforts to eliminate HIV, as well as Hepatitis C (HCV).

SYNC is the premier national conference focused on HIV, HCV, STI and LGBTQ health. At the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Monitoring Report, patients, healthcare professionals and policy advocates will share their perspectives about issues impacting people living with HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C.

Register online at <https://sync2020.org/registration/>.

To learn more about SYNC, please visit <https://sync2020.org>.

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***About the Community Access National Network:*** *The mission of the Community Access National Network (CANN) is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Viral Hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking. These services must be affordable to the people who need them regardless of insurance status, income, or geographic location.*

***About HealthHIV and HealthHCV:*** *HealthHIV and HealthHCV advance effective prevention, care, support, and health equity for people living with, or at risk for, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C—particularly with LGBT and other underserved communities—by providing education, capacity building, health services research, and advocacy to organizations, communities and professionals.*