

PUNISHMENT IS NOT A PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY

AN OVERVIEW OF STATES CRIMINALIZING VIRAL HEPATITIS

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STATES WITH LAWS/ ENHANCEMENTS SPECIFIC TO LAW ENFORCEMENT/ CORRECTIONS



13 STATES

have laws that criminalize viral hepatitis.

All 13 of these states also criminalize HIV.

TYPE OF HEPATITIS CRIMINALIZED:

- Hepatitis B and C
- Hepatitis B
- General/Unspecified

STATES THAT SPECIFICALLY CRIMINALIZE:

- Sex
- Needle Sharing
- Bodily Fluid Exposure

States with laws written broadly enough so that people living with viral hepatitis could be arrested for sex, needle sharing or bodily fluid exposure