

RESOLUTION
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

On improving measures to combat the spread of certain topical viral infections

In order to ensure the implementation of the tasks set in the open dialogue of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan with representatives of the healthcare sector on March 18, 2022 on the topic **“Reforms in medicine - in the name of human dignity”**, as well as strengthening measures to combat the spread of some urgent viral infections:

1. **The main directions** for further improvement and expansion of medical and social assistance to the population for the timely prevention, diagnosis and treatment of certain viral infections among the population should be identified as follows:

conducting a comprehensive screening covering all regions for early detection of viral hepatitis " B " and " C " and increasing the coverage **of treatment of the disease** ;

full **vaccination coverage against hepatitis " B "** of persons at high risk of infection, including **medical workers** who work with blood and its components;

free provision of medicines for the treatment of patients with hepatitis C detected during screening ;

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phased implementation of **timely and full provision consumables** (reagents and test kits) for the detection of viral infections in the primary health care system;

creation and maintenance of the Unified Register of Chronic Viral Liver Diseases in all medical institutions, in the sanitary and epidemiological service and non-governmental medical organizations;

improving control over the safety, quality and efficacy of vaccines, test systems and antiviral drugs;

conducting scientific research on the problems of viral infections, **the introduction of an automated** disease control system;

expanding the scale of **comprehensive explanatory work** and propaganda **among the population** on measures to prevent infection with viral infections.

2. According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 25, 2022 No. PP-215 "On additional measures to bring primary health care closer to the population and improve the efficiency of medical services ", take note that from June 1, 2022, the **practice of free vaccination against hepatitis B** for employees of public medical institutions working directly with blood.

3. The following:

Program for improving measures to combat the spread of viral infections for 2022-2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Program) in accordance with Appendix 1;

In 2022-2023, in accordance with the epidemiological guidelines, the **targets for vaccination against hepatitis B of medical workers in the public health system** shall be approved in accordance with Annex 2.

4. Establish a procedure according to which, from July 1, 2022:

the annual number of **screening examinations** of the population of the republic for viral hepatitis "B" and "C" will be increased to **1 million** , **the number of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests - up to 15 thousand** , treatment of patients with viral hepatitis "C" up to **10.5 thousand** ;

Along with the establishment of liability for persons who have committed offenses under Article 190 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Administrative Liability, a procedure for screening for hepatitis B and C will be introduced at their own expense.

5. According to the goals of the World Health Organization for the elimination of viral hepatitis "B" and "C" **by 2030** . priorities such as:

increased screening rate **by 90%**;

90 % increase in treatment coverage ;

increasing the level of vaccination of children **by 90%** ;

a 90% reduction in the registration of new cases of the disease ;

a 65% reduction in mortality should be taken for information.

The Ministry of Health (B. Musaev) from 2024 until December 1 to submit for approval by the Cabinet of Ministers **a program of activities for the next two years to achieve the targets of the World Health Organization in the Republic of Uzbekistan** .

6. Minister of Health (B. Musaev):

develop a Unified Electronic Register of Chronic Viral Liver Diseases (hereinafter referred to as the Registry) under the auspices of the Ministry of Health c Limited Liability Company "IT-Med" until November 1, 2022, as well as provide its further hardware and software;

introduce, by January 1, 2023, the maintenance of the Register in medical institutions with employees working with blood and its components, in all medical organizations, regardless of ownership, the sanitary and epidemiological service and establish their mutual integration;

from July 1, 2022, ensure the creation of a blood plasma bank of convalescents (donors) **of the Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever** at the Research Institute of Virology and relevant institutions determined by the Ministry of Health in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya, Jizzakh and Syrdarya regions;

to improve the standards for the diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases, including chronic viral hepatitis, in medical institutions and non-governmental medical organizations and to strengthen control over their observance.

7. Define:

from July 1, 2022, providing non-governmental medical organizations with hepatitis B vaccination of their own personnel working with blood and

its components, as well as entering information about this in the Register from the moment of implementation. At the same time, vaccination of unvaccinated workers is carried out at the expense of medical organizations that are their main place of work;

from January 1, 2024, non-governmental medical organizations must ensure the vaccination of employees working with blood and its components against hepatitis B and maintain the Register in the prescribed manner, which is one of the requirements and conditions for licensing medical activities;

the purchase of the necessary test systems, diagnostic kits and consumables will be financed from the state budget.

8. The Ministry of Innovative Development (I.Abdurakhmanov), together with the Ministry of Health (B.Musaev), from July 1, 2022, to ensure the annual allocation of funding on a competitive basis for projects aimed at providing a scientific solution to the problem of the most common viral infections.

9. Ministry of Health (B.Musaev), Ministry of Innovative Development (I.Abdurakhmanov), Academy of Sciences (B.Yuldashev), Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction (S.Kholkhudzhaev) and Pharmaceutical Development Agency (S.Kariyev) until the end of 2022 of the year to submit proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers **on the domestic production of such products as vaccines, medicines and diagnostics** , necessary for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of viral diseases.

10. The Cabinet of Ministers to ensure effective coordination of the activities and interaction of ministries, departments, khokimiyats and other organizations for the timely and high-quality implementation of the activities provided for by this resolution, as well as **annually** discuss this issue at meetings Republican Emergency Commission for Combating Epidemics.

11. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the khokimiyats of the regions and the city of Tashkent, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry for Support of the Mahalla and the Older Generation, together with the relevant ministries and departments, public organizations, to strengthen **local conducting educational work on the spread of viral infections** .

12. The Agency for Information and Mass Communications, the National News Agency of Uzbekistan, the National Television and Radio Company of Uzbekistan, together with the Ministry of Health, ensure regular and wide coverage of topical issues in the fight against viral infections among the population through **the organization of feature articles, TV and radio broadcast cycles** .

13. Responsible for the effective organization of the implementation of this resolution appoint the Minister of Health B.A. Musaev and the head of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Service B.K. Yusupalieva.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan A.N. Aripov and the First Deputy Advisor to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan L.N. Tychiev shall be responsible for coordinating and monitoring the activities of the bodies responsible for the execution of decisions.

The president

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