

# PROMISING PRACTICES FOR PROMOTING UTILIZATION OF COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENTS

With systematic connections to provider networks, local testing sites and programs, and other sources of patient referral, **community infusion centers** are able to provide patients with timely access to COVID-19 monoclonal antibody (mAb) treatments. Here, we outline emerging promising practices, example stakeholder antibody treatment efforts, and shared resources to further support community infusion centers directly providing antibody treatments at scale.

### CRITICAL STEPS

#### *Streamline the care process*

- [Playbook](#) for mAb infusion
- Timely scheduling for referred patients
- Set up direct access to mAb supplies through [ASPR's SPEED program](#)
- Assistance with [transportation](#) if available

#### *Educate participants in the care process*

- Assure that community [providers](#) and [patients](#) are aware of infusion availability (via web resources, state supports, etc.)
- Provide patients with [educational support](#) regarding benefits and risks of infusion

#### *Expand footprint to increase access*

- Assure that infusion capacity is adequate to meet current and projected local needs (state/local public health and regional planning)

#### *Ensure adequate payment*

- Verify that infusion costs are covered by infusion fee (Federally Qualified Health Centers may have additional funding support)

### INNOVATIVE EXAMPLES & RESOURCES

#### *Streamline the care process*

- ASPR provides instructions for enrolling in the [SPEED program](#) and the [direct ordering process](#) to receive COVID-19 monoclonal antibody allocation.
- ASPR provides various [resources](#) for setting up a monoclonal antibody infusion program, including a [regularly updated playbook](#) and a series of [planning considerations](#) for administering antibodies.
- ASPR's website includes a descriptive [example](#) of a 15-chair monoclonal antibody infusion center, highlighting important factors including staffing needs, facility layout, criteria and protocols, additional resources, and payment considerations.

#### *Educate participants in care process*

- The National Infusion Center Association (NICA) has extensive sets of resources on their website targeted at antibody infusion [providers](#), [prescribers](#), and [patients](#).
- HHS has a [locator tool](#) displaying locations that have received COVID-19 monoclonal antibody allocations.

#### *Expand footprint to increase access*

- NICA has expanded their preexisting [infusion center locator](#) to include information about COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment locations. Providers can add, claim, or update their center's profile to ensure up-to-date content and contact information is listed.