

1 AN ACT requiring the offering of hepatitis C screening testing.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 214 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) A health care provider shall include a referral for a hepatitis C screening test as*
6 *part of an individual's regular annual medical examination unless the individual*
7 *has received a nonreactive hepatitis C screening test within the previous year.*
- 8 *(2) If a hepatitis C screening test is reactive, the health care provider shall either*
9 *offer the individual follow-up health care or refer the individual to a health care*
10 *provider who can provide follow-up health care. The follow-up health care shall*
11 *include a hepatitis C diagnostic test.*
- 12 *(3) The referral for hepatitis C screening testing under this section shall be culturally*
13 *and linguistically appropriate and incorporate education, awareness, and*
14 *information provided under KRS 214.187.*
- 15 *(4) Nothing in this section shall affect the scope of practice of any health care*
16 *provider or diminish any authority or legal or professional obligation of any*
17 *health care provider to offer a hepatitis C screening test or hepatitis C diagnostic*
18 *test or to provide services or care for the subject of a hepatitis C screening test or*
19 *hepatitis C diagnostic test.*