

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Alabama



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.</li> <li>Remove retreatment restriction.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of February 2022, 1,101,645 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 30,700 people were living with HCV in Alabama.<sup>2</sup> Alabama does not contract with any managed care organizations (MCOs).<sup>3</sup>

The Alabama Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Harvoni, Mavyret, Zepatier, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and ledipasvir/sofosbuvir.<sup>4</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) HCV treatment regimens. <sup>5</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Alabama Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>6</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Alabama Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Alabama Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Alabama Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. Alabama Medicaid only provides one course of treatment per lifetime. <sup>9</sup>
Access in Managed Care	0	Alabama Medicaid does not contract with MCOs. <sup>10</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-4	Alabama Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of genotype.<sup>11</sup></li> <li>Documentation of adherence counseling. Patients are required to sign a contract stating: "I understand that Medicaid will pay for only one course of medicine. If I do not take my medicine as prescribed, I will not be approved for another course of therapy."<sup>12</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b>
		80
		<b>Grade</b>
		<b>B</b>

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Alabama Medicaid, Preferred Drug List \(Oct. 1, 2022\)](#).

**Prior Authorization Form:** [Alabama Medicaid, Hepatitis C Antiviral Agents PA Request Form \(Oct. 1, 2022\)](#).

**Clinical Criteria:** [Alabama Medicaid, Hepatitis C Antiviral Agents Criteria Instructions \(Oct. 1, 2022\)](#).

**Patient Consent Form:** [Alabama Medicaid, Pharmacy Patient Consent Form: Hepatitis C Agents \(Oct. 1, 2022\)](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Alabama: <https://perma.cc/PL4P-6SPV>.

<sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Alabama (Jan. 2022): <https://perma.cc/24UP-PVBS>.

<sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 2021), <https://perma.cc/X7FE-ZHER>.

<sup>4</sup> Preferred Drug List.

<sup>5</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>6</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>7</sup> Alabama Medicaid, Provider Alerts: Changes to Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Criteria (Sept. 27, 2022), <https://perma.cc/9F6D-FBEW>.

<sup>8</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>9</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>10</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 2021), <https://perma.cc/X7FE-ZHER>.

<sup>11</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>12</sup> Patient Consent Form.

<sup>13</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.

<sup>14</sup> Contact Information, Alabama Medicaid P&T Committee: <https://perma.cc/JA2S-3UA7>.