

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Alabama



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

State Overview

As of September 2023, 1,140,780 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Alabama has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 30,700 people were living with HCV in Alabama.² Alabama does not contract with any managed care organizations (MCOs).³

Alabama Medicaid imposes a general restriction on the total number of prescriptions it will cover per enrollee: “In most cases, adults are limited to five drugs per month, four of which may be brand name drugs.”⁴

The Alabama Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Harvoni, Mavyret, Zepatier, and “all covered generics” (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, glecaprevir/pibrentasvir, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, elbasvir-grazoprevir).⁵

Deductions		Policy				
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) HCV treatment regimens. ⁶				
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Alabama Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷				
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Alabama Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁸				
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Alabama Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ⁹				
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Alabama Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. Alabama Medicaid only provides one course of treatment per lifetime. ¹⁰				
Access in Managed Care	0	Alabama Medicaid does not contract with MCOs. ¹¹				
Additional Restrictions	-4	Alabama Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of genotype.¹² Documentation of adherence counseling, and requirement to monitor adherence via RNA testing during treatment. 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.”¹³ 				
Total Deductions	-20	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Total Score [100-Deductions]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Grade</td> <td style="text-align: center;">B</td> </tr> </table>	Total Score [100-Deductions]	80	Grade	B
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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Alabama Medicaid, Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 1, 2024\)](#).

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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² HepVu, Local Data: Alabama State Profile, <https://perma.cc/24UP-PVBS>.

³ Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 2022), <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.

⁴ Alabama Medicaid, Pharmacy Prescription Limit, <https://perma.cc/VE52-G5EZ>.

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⁸ Alabama Medicaid, Provider Alerts: Changes to Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Criteria (Sept. 27, 2022), <https://perma.cc/9F6D-FBEW>.

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¹³ Patient Consent Form.

¹⁴ National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/XEZ2-KCUW>.

¹⁵ Contact Information, Alabama Medicaid P&T Committee, <https://perma.cc/JA2S-3UA7>.