

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Alaska



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove substance use counseling restrictions.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of October 2023, 211,981 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 5,200 people were living with HCV in Alaska.<sup>2</sup> Alaska Medicaid does not contract with any managed care organizations (MCOs).<sup>3</sup>

The Alaska Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.<sup>4</sup>

Deductions		Policy				
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. <sup>5</sup> However, Alaska Medicaid still provides a link to their former prior authorization form. <sup>6</sup>				
Fibrosis Restrictions		Alaska Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>				
Substance Use Restrictions	-4	Alaska Medicaid requires that “prescribers must perform a patient readiness assessment prior to treatment and patient[s] must attest to treatment compliance.” The form, which includes language about alcohol and drug use, must be signed by the patient and provider and maintained in the patient’s medical record. <sup>8</sup>				
Prescriber Restrictions		Alaska Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>9</sup>				
Retreatment Restrictions		Alaska Medicaid does not appear to impose retreatment restrictions for preferred regimens. It is noted that “extended durations will not be approved if patient non-compliance with the prescribed regimen precipitated the need to extend the duration.” <sup>10</sup>				
Access in Managed Care		Alaska Medicaid does not contract with any managed care organizations (MCOs). <sup>11</sup>				
Additional Restrictions	-2	Alaska Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <sup>12</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits refills for lost or stolen medications.</li> </ul>				
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-6</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>94</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Grade</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>A</b>
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### Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List:** [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Medicaid Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 2024\).](#)  
**Clinical Criteria:** [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Medicaid Prior Authorization Clinical Criteria for Use \(May 5, 2022\).](#)  
**Patient Readiness Form:** [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Medicaid Patient Readiness Assessment Attestation \(Oct. 3, 2022\).](#)

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- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Alaska: <https://perma.cc/UK8A-YKVC>.
  - <sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Alaska : <https://perma.cc/BER7-ESE4>.
  - <sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 1, 2022): <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.
  - <sup>4</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>5</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>6</sup> Alaska Department of Health, Medication Prior Authorization, <https://perma.cc/4YF5-TC4L>.
  - <sup>7</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>8</sup> See Clinical Criteria; Patient Readiness Form.
  - <sup>9</sup> Clinical Criteria.
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  - <sup>11</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 1, 2022): <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.
  - <sup>12</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>13</sup> Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Department Contacts: <https://perma.cc/D5KV-4N4R>.
  - <sup>14</sup> Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Department Contacts: <https://perma.cc/D5KV-4N4R>.