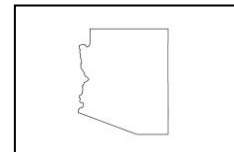


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Arizona



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove retreatment restrictions. Remove additional restrictions as described below.

State Overview

As of October 2023, 2,052,705 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 61,500 people were living with HCV in Arizona.² As of July 2022, 87.3% of Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO), 1.8% are enrolled in Primary Care Case Management, and the other 10.9% are enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS).³ Arizona Medicaid, also known as Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), contracts with MCOs: Arizona Complete Health, Banner-University Family Care, Care1st Health Plan, Mercy Care, Molina Complete Care, Health Choice Arizona, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.⁴

The Arizona Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret, Epclusa, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.⁵

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Arizona Medicaid does not require prior authorization for initial treatment with preferred regimens. ⁶
Fibrosis Restrictions		Arizona Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷
Substance Use Restrictions		Arizona Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁸
Prescriber Restrictions		Arizona Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ⁹
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Arizona Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. Retreatment is only available after the “prescribing provider assesses the patient’s ability to adhere to the HCV DAA treatment plan and attests the assessment has been documented within the clinical record.” Arizona Medicaid also requires that a “patient agrees to adhere to... participating in a treatment adherence program.” ¹⁰
Access in Managed Care		All MCOs (Arizona Complete Health, ¹¹ Banner-University Family Care, ¹² Care 1 st Health Plan, ¹³ Health Choice Arizona, ¹⁴ Mercy Care, ¹⁵ Molina Complete Care, ¹⁶ and United Healthcare ¹⁷) appear to follow the FFS policy.
Additional Restrictions	-2	Arizona Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows ¹⁸ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits refills for “lost or stolen medications absent good cause.”
Total Deductions	-10	Total Score [100-Deductions]
		90
		Grade
		A

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Key Sources

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