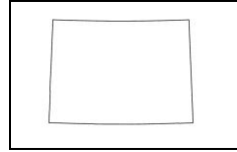


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Colorado



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment. Remove retreatment restrictions. Ensure transparency and parity across FFS and MCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria. Remove additional restrictions as described below.

State Overview

As of February 2022, 1,710,885 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 36,300 people were living with HCV in Colorado.² The state operates a Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) program known as the Accountable Care Collaborative and contracts with one managed care organization (MCO), Denver Health Medicaid Choice.³ The PCCM program, which covers the majority of beneficiaries, is divided into seven geographic Regional Care Collaborative Organizations.⁴ Denver Health Medicaid Choice, the MCO, covers Medicaid-eligible individuals who live in a limited geographic area including Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson Counties.⁵

The Colorado Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Harvoni, Mavyret, Epclusa, Vosevi, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and ledipasvir/sofosbuvir.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Colorado Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Colorado Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁹
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Colorado Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. "HCV treatment is being prescribed either through consultation with an expert in hepatitis C treatment OR the primary care provider attests to having received sufficient education to safely prescribe the listed hepatitis C medications." ¹⁰
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Colorado Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. "Additional information will be requested for retreatment requests including (but not limited to) ... Any information regarding adherence to previously trialed regimen(s) and current chronic medications." ¹¹
Access in Managed Care	-8	Denver Health Medicaid Choice imposes more stringent requirements than the PCCM program. Denver Health requires that a prescription be written by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, or hepatologist. ¹² Rocky Mountain Health Plan, a Regional Care Collaborative Organization that does not adhere to the Colorado PDL, does not publish HCV treatment coverage criteria. ¹³
Additional Restrictions	-2	Colorado Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: ¹⁴ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of adherence counseling.
Total Deductions		Total Score [100-Deductions]
-26		74
		Grade
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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 2022\).](#)

Prior Authorization Form: [Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Hepatitis C Treatment Prior Authorization \(PA\) Request Form \(Jan. 2022\).](#)

Clinical Criteria: Clinical criteria for HCV treatment are described in the Prior Authorization Form, above.

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¹⁶ Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee: <https://perma.cc/7AFG-WZR6>.