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Recommendations to Improve Patient Access

Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of September 2022, 1,660,825 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.³ The PCCM program, which covers the majority of beneficiaries, is divided into seven geographic Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCO).⁴ Additionally, Elevate Medicaid Choice (Denver Health Medical Plan) covers Medicaid-eligible individuals who live in a limited geographic area including Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson Counties.⁵ All RCCOs appear to follow the HCV treatment criteria set forth by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (DHCPF).⁶

The Colorado Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Harvoni, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi.⁷

Deductions		Policy				
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens prescribed for initial treatment. Prescriptions may be written and filled for up to a 90-day supply. ⁸				
Fibrosis Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁹				
Substance Use Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ¹⁰				
Prescriber Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹¹				
Retreatment Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose undue retreatment restrictions. Prior authorization is required for retreatment using the standard prior authorization form. ¹²				
Access in Managed Care		All RCCOs appear to follow the criteria established by DHCPF. ¹³				
Additional Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. ¹⁴				
Total Deductions		Total Score [100-Deductions]	Grade			
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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Preferred Drug List (Jan. 2023).

Prior Authorization Form: <u>Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Standard Prior Authorization (PA) Request</u> Form (Sept. 2019).

Clinical Criteria: Clinical criteria for HCV treatment are described in the Preferred Drug List, above.



⁷ Preferred Drug List.

⁸ Preferred Drug List.

⁹ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁰ Clinical Criteria.

¹¹ Clinical Criteria.

¹² Clinical Criteria.

¹³ Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Health First Colorado Managed Care Contracts, https://perma.cc/8T4W-AECZ.

¹⁴ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁵ Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Executive Leadership Team, https://perma.cc/MR32-5T2P.

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



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² HepVu, Local Data: Colorado (Jan. 2022), https://perma.cc/R95D-55QR.

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⁶ Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, Health First Colorado Managed Care Contracts, https://perma.cc/BBU4-J2BS.