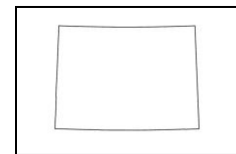


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Colorado



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of October 2023, 1,534,304 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 As of July 2022, 11% of Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in a managed care organization, and 89% are enrolled in PCCM.⁴ The PCCM program is divided into seven geographic Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCO).⁵ 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.⁶ All RCCOs appear to follow the HCV treatment criteria set forth by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (DHCPF).⁷

The Colorado Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Harvoni, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi.⁸ The Elevate Medicaid Choice formulary lists the following medications as preferred: Epclusa, Harvoni, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.⁹

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. ¹⁰ Elevate Medicaid Choice does not require prior authorization for Epclusa, Harvoni, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir. ¹¹
Fibrosis Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ¹²
Substance Use Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ¹³
Prescriber Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁴
Retreatment Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose undue retreatment restrictions. Prior authorization is required for retreatment using the standard prior authorization form. ¹⁵ Elevate Medicaid Choice only allows one course of treatment per year. ¹⁶
Access in Managed Care		All RCCOs appear to follow the criteria established by DHCPF. ¹⁷
Additional Restrictions		Colorado Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. ¹⁸
Total Deductions	0	Total Score [100-Deductions]
		100
		Grade A+

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 1 2024\).](#)

Prior Authorization Form: [Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Standard Prior Authorization \(PA\) Request Form \(Sept. 2019\).](#)

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

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