

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

District of Columbia



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure transparency and parity across FFS and MCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria. • Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of January 2022, 276,641 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ As of 2016, an estimated 12,700 people were living with HCV in the District of Columbia.² As of July 1, 2021, 86% of District of Columbia Medicaid beneficiaries were enrolled in an MCO, with other 14% enrolled in FFS.³ The District of Columbia contracts with four Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs): MedStar Family Choice, AmeriHealth Caritas DC, CareFirst Community Health Plan DC, and Health Services for Children with Special Needs.⁴ The State MCOs do not use the FFS Preferred Drug List.⁵

The District of Columbia lists Mavyret and Vosevi as preferred regimens.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not appear to impose substance use restrictions. ⁹
Prescriber Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁰
Retreatment Restrictions		DHCF does not impose retreatment restrictions, and notes that “retreatment shall be in accordance with current American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Hepatitis C treatment guidelines.” ¹¹
Access in Managed Care	-8	<p>Effective September 1, 2022, DC Medicaid removed prior authorization for preferred regimens, removed sobriety and retreatment restrictions for all regimens, and affirmed that all MCOs are “required to follow [these] policy changes.”¹²</p> <p>However, MedStar Family Choice¹³ continues to publish criteria imposing stricter requirements than FFS. Prior authorization is required for all regimens and prescribers must submit genotype testing, as well as a “social history” with detail about a patients’ past substance use history.¹⁴</p> <p>AmeriHealth Caritas DC and CareFirst appear to follow FFS and do not impose prior authorization requirements for preferred regimens.^{15,16}</p>
Additional Restrictions		District of Columbia Medicaid does not appear to impose additional restrictions for preferred regimens. ¹⁷
Total Deductions		Total Score [100-8]
-8		92
		Grade A

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [DC Department of Health Care Finance, Preferred Drug List \(June 13, 2022\)](#).

Clinical Criteria: [DC Department of Health Care Finance, Revision of Hepatitis C Treatment Coverage Policy \(August 24, 2022\)](#).²⁰

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² HepVu, Local Data: DC, <https://perma.cc/2TFT-SU3G>.

³ Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, <https://perma.cc/47VJ-UBP7>.

⁴ DC Medicaid, Managed Care Information, <https://perma.cc/YUC2-SBA6>.

⁵ KFF, State Medicaid Preferred Drug Lists (July 1, 2019), <https://perma.cc/5WVZ-U3JR>.

⁶ Preferred Drug List.

⁷ Clinical Criteria.

⁸ Clinical Criteria.

⁹ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁰ Clinical Criteria.

¹¹ Clinical Criteria.

¹² Clinical Criteria.

¹³ MedStar Family Choice, Hepatitis C Medications (Jul. 5, 2022),

<https://www.medstarfamilychoicedc.com/providers/pharmacy/hepatitis-c-medications>; see also MedStar Family Choice, Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Form (Jul. 5, 2022), <https://www.medstarfamilychoicedc.com/-/media/project/mho/mfcdc/pharmacy-materials/b5a-hf-alliance-hepatitis-c-pa-form-dc-07-01-2022.pdf>.

¹⁴ MedStar Family Choice, Hepatitis C Medications (March 8, 2022), <https://perma.cc/QB8K-P27Z>.

¹⁵ AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia, Medicaid Drug Formulary (Sept. 2022), <https://perma.cc/BG2K-G856>.

¹⁶ CareFirst Community Health Plan District of Columbia, Preferred Drug List (Sept. 1, 2022),

https://www.carefirstchpdc.com/pdf/CFDC/CFDC_Drug-Formulary.pdf.

¹⁷ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁸ Medicaid Directors, National Association of Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/7KTL-ULKZ>.

¹⁹ District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance, Contact Us, <https://perma.cc/V7NE-72QM>.

²⁰ Prior authorization forms for Mavyret and Vosevi are still publicly available, as is a patient commitment form. See DHCF, Provider Home: Prior Authorization Forms, <https://perma.cc/33VQ-3WX5>.