

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Florida



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment. Remove restrictions on retreatment. Remove additional restrictions as described below.

State Overview

As of February 2022, 4,564,104 individuals in Florida were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ As of 2016, an estimated 151,000 people were living with HCV in Florida.² As of July 1, 2021, approximately 87.9% of Florida Medicaid beneficiaries were enrolled in an MCO, with the other 12.1% enrolled in FFS.³ Florida Medicaid contracts with 11 MCOs: Aetna Better Health, Amerihealth, Clear Health Alliance, Community Care Plan, Florida Community Care, Humana Medical Plan, Molina HealthCare, Simply Healthcare, Sunshine Health, UnitedHealthcare, and Vivida Health.⁴ Florida Medicaid requires MCOs to “authorize requests for hepatitis C drugs in accordance with the Agency’s PDL.”⁵

The Florida Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes sofosbuvir-velpatasvir, Mavyret, and Vosevi.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Florida Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Florida Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions for treatment-naïve patients. ⁹ <i>This recent change, effective April 2022, is reflected in Florida Medicaid’s clinical criteria, but the prior authorization form published on the Florida Medicaid website has not yet been updated to reflect the change.</i> ¹⁰
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Florida Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹¹
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Florida Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. For patients seeking retreatment due to “substance abuse related failure,” providers must attest that the patient “is receiving substance or alcohol abuse counseling services or seeing an addiction specialist as an adjunct to HCV retreatment and it is documented in the medical records.” ¹² Further, Florida Medicaid may deny retreatment to patients who were “non-adherent to initial regimen as evidenced by medical record and/or pharmacy claims.” ¹³
Access in Managed Care	0	All 11 MCOs (Aetna Better Health, ¹⁴ Amerihealth, ¹⁵ Clear Health Alliance, ¹⁶ Community Care Plan, ¹⁷ Florida Community Care, ¹⁸ Humana Medical Plan, ¹⁹ Molina HealthCare, ²⁰ Simply Healthcare, ²¹ Sunshine Health, ²² UnitedHealthcare, ²³ and Vivida Health ²⁴) impose the same requirements as FFS.
Additional Restrictions	-6	Florida Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline HCV RNA must be submitted with a collection date within the past six months (i.e. time-based labs are required).²⁵ Documentation of genotype is required.²⁶ Prohibits refills for lost or stolen medications.²⁷
Total Deductions	-22	Total Score [100-Deductions] 78
		Grade C

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Agency for Health Care Administration \(AHCA\), Florida Medicaid Preferred Drug list \(April 1, 2022\)](#)

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