

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Florida

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 245,600<sup>1</sup>



Grade	Summary
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #800000;">B+</p>	<p><b>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions:</b> Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) require a diagnosis of hepatitis C. Neither imposes liver damage requirements.</p> <p><b>Sobriety Restrictions:</b> FFS and MCOs require one-month sobriety prior to initiating treatment.</p> <p><b>Prescriber Restrictions:</b> FFS and MCOs require a prescription be written by or in consultation with a specialist.</p> <p><b>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove sobriety and prescriber restrictions.</li> <li>• Maintain hepatitis C coverage parity between FFS and MCO programs and transparency regarding prior authorization requirements.</li> </ul> <p><i>Grade Rationale: Florida improved access to hepatitis C medications by removing liver damage requirements in 2016. However, the state continues to have sobriety and prescriber restrictions. The state also required MCOs to impose the same requirements as FFS, achieving parity across the whole Medicaid program. This parity is recognized with a “plus” added to the B grade. With minimal changes, Florida could have open access.</i></p>

### Background

As of April 2017, Florida had 4,352,537 individuals enrolled in the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).<sup>2</sup> Florida’s Medicaid program, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, contracts with 11 Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program.<sup>3</sup> 93 percent of beneficiaries are enrolled in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program; 7 percent participate in FFS.<sup>4</sup> Florida contracts with the following 11 MCOs: Amerigroup Florida, Better Health, Coventry Health Care of Florida, Humana Medical Plan, Molina Healthcare of Florida, Prestige Health Choice, South Florida Community Care Network, Simply, Staywell, Sunshine Health Plan, and United Healthcare of Florida.<sup>5</sup> The state is divided into 11 geographic regions and plans options vary by region.<sup>6</sup> Additionally, some plans provide services to special populations, such as individuals living with HIV.<sup>7</sup>

### State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Florida Medicaid has increased access to hepatitis C medications as a result of patient advocacy and legal pressure.<sup>8</sup> Florida Legal Services, Inc., Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, and the National Health Law Program (NHeLP) sent a demand letter that asserted the state’s hepatitis C coverage criteria violated patients’ rights provided by federal laws governing the Medicaid program. The AIDS Institute also sent a letter to the Florida’s Medicaid Administration requesting the Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee open access to hepatitis C medications.<sup>9</sup> Previously, Florida required severe liver damage (F3 or greater) for beneficiaries to qualify for treatment.<sup>10</sup> In June 2016, Florida Medicaid removed its fibrosis restrictions and now requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C.<sup>11</sup> Additionally, the state required MCO plans contracted with the state to follow FFS hepatitis C coverage guidelines and the Preferred Drug List (PDL).<sup>12</sup> As a result, there is coverage parity across the Medicaid program. Florida still requires at least one-month abstinence from alcohol and substance use “confirmed by a negative urine or blood test collected within the last 30 days prior to initiation of therapy.”<sup>13</sup> If a beneficiary tests positive for alcohol or substance use, then prescriber must document that the patient is “receiving alcohol or substance use counseling services or seeing an addiction specialist as an adjunct to hepatitis C treatment.”<sup>14</sup> The state also requires a prescription be written by or in consultation with a “hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or transplant specialist.”<sup>15</sup>

Hepatitis C medications require prior authorization (PA) and patients must be at least 18 years old to access therapy (except patients 12 years and older can access Harvoni).<sup>16</sup> Treatment is initially authorized for 8 weeks except for “12 weeks or greater depending on clinical manifestations.”<sup>17</sup> The following Direct-Acting Antivirals (DAAs) are preferred: Genotype 1 (Harvoni, Viekira Pak/XR), Genotypes 2/3 (Epclusa); Genotype 4 (Harvoni, Technivie) and Genotypes 5/6 (Harvoni).<sup>18</sup> However, the SMMC Contract Interpretation: 16-01 further elaborates that, “if an enrollee can be treated with either a PDL drug (e.g., Viekira Pak) or non-PDL drug (e.g., Harvoni), the approval should be granted for the PDL drug, as it is the most cost effective to the State...The managed care plan may authorize a non-PDL drug, when such authorization is consistent with the Agency’s medical necessity definition and the PDL drug is contraindicated for treatment of the enrollee’s condition.”<sup>19</sup> The PA form inquires if a patient is co-infected with HIV (if yes, the prescriber must document “diagnosis and submit CD4 count within past 6 months”) as well as if the patient has liver cancer or had a liver transplant.<sup>20</sup> Additionally, a prescriber must “submit

hepatitis B surface antigen screening to verify no reactivation.”<sup>21</sup> A beneficiary must “commit to the documented planned course of treatment including anticipated blood tests and visits, during and after treatment.”<sup>22</sup> Additionally, early refills are not allowed “due to lost, stolen medications or vacation override.”<sup>23</sup> Beneficiaries who fail treatment may qualify for retreatment if the individual meets certain criteria laid out the *Hepatitis C Treatment in Persons in Whom a Prior Direct Acting Antiviral Has Failed* form.<sup>24</sup>

## Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Florida FFS requires a diagnosis of hepatitis C to qualify for treatment.<sup>25</sup> The state removed liver damage requirements. MCOs follow the FFS requirements and all but two plans (Sunshine Health and UnitedHealthcare) link directly to Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration website, which include the hepatitis C PA request form, criteria, and PDL.<sup>26</sup> Sunshine Health and UnitedHealthcare post hepatitis C PA forms, but the requirements mirror the FFS coverage criteria.<sup>27</sup>

## Sobriety Restrictions

Florida FFS requires at least one-month abstinence from alcohol and substance use “confirmed by a negative urine or blood test collected within the last 30 days prior to initiation of therapy.”<sup>28</sup> If a beneficiary tests positive for alcohol or substance use, then the prescriber must document that the patient is “receiving alcohol or substance use counseling services or seeing an addiction specialist as an adjunct to hepatitis C treatment.”<sup>29</sup> The Florida Medicaid program imposes particular requirements for beneficiaries who have failed prior therapy to be retreated. These sobriety-related requirements include: “submission of psychological support/treatment for a minimum of six months for substance abuse related failure” and abstinence from alcohol and illicit substance use for “a minimum of 3 months as evidenced by negative urine or blood confirmation tests, collected monthly for the past 90 days prior to initiation of therapy (results must be submitted with request).”<sup>30</sup>

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## Prescriber Restrictions

Florida FFS requires a prescription be written by or in consultation with a “hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or transplant specialist.”<sup>33</sup> MCOs follow the FFS requirements and all but two plans (Sunshine Health and UnitedHealthcare) link directly to Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration website which include the hepatitis C PA request form, criteria and PDL.<sup>34</sup> Sunshine Health and UnitedHealthcare post hepatitis C PA forms, but the requirements mirror the FFS coverage criteria.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> HepVu, Florida State Profile: <https://hepvu.org/state/florida/>

<sup>2</sup> Medicaid and CHIP in Florida, By-State, Medicaid.gov (Accessed June 2017): <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=florida>

<sup>3</sup> Managed Medical Assistance Standard Plans, Agency for Health Care Administration, Revised: 2/27/2017 (Accessed July 2017): [https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide\\_mc/pdf/mma/MMA\\_Standard\\_Plans.pdf](https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/statewide_mc/pdf/mma/MMA_Standard_Plans.pdf)

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<sup>6</sup> A Snapshot of the Florida Medicaid Managed Care Medical Assistance Program, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), June 8, 2017 (Accessed July 2017):

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid. Managed Medical Assistance Specialty Plans, AHCA, Revised: 11/23/2016

<sup>8</sup> Michael Ruppel, Executive Director, AIDS Institute letter to Shevaun Harris, Bureau Chief of Medicaid Policy, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, RE: Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee Review of Hepatitis C Medications, January 5, 2016 (Accessed July 2017):

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<sup>10</sup> Kelli Kennedy, Associated Press, *Florida Changes Hep C Policy for Medicaid*, The Washington Times, June 1, 2016 (Accessed July 2017): <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jun/1/florida-changes-hep-c-drug-policy-for-medicaid-af/>; See also: Ibid. Michael Ruppel, Executive Director, AIDS Institute letter to Shevaun Harris, Bureau Chief of Medicaid Policy

<sup>11</sup> Fla. Health Officials to Correct Criteria on Hepatitis C Treatment, National Health Law Program, June 2, 2016: <http://www.healthlaw.org/news/press-releases/498-fla-health-officials-to-correct-criteria-on-hepatitis-c->

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<sup>23</sup> Ibid. Prior Authorization Criteria, Preferred Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antivirals (DAAs), Division of Pharmacy Policy, Agency for Health Care Administration, Revised May 1, 2017

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<sup>32</sup> Sunshine Health coverage forms mirror FFS requirements including: Sunshine Health, Medication Prior Authorization Request Form, Hepatitis C Agents; Sunshine Health, State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration, Prior Authorization Criteria, Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antivirals; UnitedHealthcare, Florida Medicaid Prior Authorization, Hepatitis C Agents

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