

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Idaho

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 11,400¹



Grade	Summary
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #8B4513;">A-</p>	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Idaho does not impose liver damage restrictions.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: Idaho requires that providers consider substance use disorders in adherence counseling, and the prior authorization form directs providers to “[p]lease consider follow up or referral for Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in patients with opioid use disorder.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: Idaho does not impose prescriber restrictions.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove sobriety restrictions. • Maintain transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Idaho has made significant progress in expanding access to hepatitis C treatment. Because the state’s policy documents require providers to screen patients for substance use disorders, a “minus” has been added to the state’s A grade.</i></p>

Background

As of May 2019, Idaho had 272,552 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).² Idaho does not contract with any Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)³. Currently, there are four different Fee-For-Service (FFS) program options: Standard, Basic, Enhanced, and Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plans.⁴ The Standard Plan provides mandatory minimum federally legislated benefits.⁵ The Basic Plan is available for low-income children and adults with eligible dependent children.⁶ The Enhanced Plan is intended for individuals with disabilities or special health needs. Prescription drugs are excluded from the Standard Plan coverage;⁷ however, both the Basic and Enhanced Plans cover medications.⁸ For patients enrolled in the Medicaid-Medicare plan, Medicare covers prescription drugs by federal law. Idaho Medicaid coverage criteria and the prior authorization (PA) request form apply regardless if the beneficiary is Standard or Enhanced Plan.

State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Idaho Medicaid has made vast improvements to expand hepatitis C treatment access. The state has eliminated their previous liver damage requirements from severe (F3 or greater)⁹. Idaho no longer requires a minimum level of liver damage to qualify for treatment.¹⁰ Sobriety requirements have also been reduced from previous six months of abstinence; Idaho now requires that providers consider substance use disorders in adherence counseling, and the prior authorization form directs providers to “[p]lease consider follow up or referral for Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in patients with opioid use disorder.”¹¹ Additionally, Idaho no longer imposes any prescriber restrictions. Idaho’s preferred drug list includes Epclusa, Mavyret, and Vosevi as preferred and Harvoni, Sovaldi, Viekira Pak, and Zepatier as non-preferred.¹²

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Sobriety Restrictions

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Prescriber Restrictions

Idaho Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions.

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¹ HepVu, Idaho State Profile: <https://hepvu.org/state/idaho/>

² Medicaid & CHIP in Idaho, By-State, Medicaid.org (Accessed May 2017): <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=idaho>

³ Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems,

⁴ About Medicaid, Idaho Medicaid Program – Health Coverage for Idaho Families, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (Accessed May 2017):

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx>.

⁵ Ibid. About Medicaid, Idaho Medicaid Program – Health Coverage for Idaho Families, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

⁶ Ibid. About Medicaid, Idaho Medicaid Program – Health Coverage for Idaho Families, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

⁷ Standard State Plan, Amount, Duration, and Scope of Medical and Remedial Care and Services Provided to the Categorically Needy, Idaho State Medicaid, page 22 (Approved 08/26/2005):

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/MedicaidCHIP/StandardPlan.pdf>.

⁸ Idaho Health Plan Coverage, A Benefits Guide to Medicaid & CHIP (2016): <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/MedicaidCHIP/Idaho%20Health%20Plan%20English.pdf>

⁹ Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, Idaho Medicaid (Approved: April 15, 2016):

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/HepatitisCTherapeuticCriteria.pdf?ver=2016-05-11-112056-800>

¹⁰ Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Idaho Medicaid: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iT46h-nZQok%3d&tabid=206&portalid=0&mid=4039>. See also Treatment of

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Idaho Medicaid: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/PriorAuthorizationForms/tabid/206/Default.aspx>

¹¹ Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Idaho Medicaid: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iT46h-nZQok%3d&tabid=206&portalid=0&mid=4039>. See also Treatment of

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Idaho Medicaid: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/PriorAuthorizationForms/tabid/206/Default.aspx>.

¹² Idaho Medicaid Preferred Drug List with Prior Authorization Criteria, Idaho Medicaid: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/IDMPDL.pdf>.

¹³ Department Contacts, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ContactUs/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

¹⁴ Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Department Guidelines for the Medical Operation of the P&T Committee:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/PrescriptionDrugs/PandTCommitteeGuidelines.pdf>