

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Idaho

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 11,200<sup>1</sup>



Grade	Summary
<b>A-</b>	<p><b>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions:</b> Idaho does not impose liver damage restrictions.</p> <p><b>Sobriety Restrictions:</b> 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><b>Prescriber Restrictions:</b> Idaho does not impose prescriber restrictions.</p> <p><b>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove sobriety restrictions.</li><li>• Maintain transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria.</li></ul> <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 2021, Idaho had 394,436 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).<sup>2</sup> Idaho does not contract with any Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)<sup>3</sup>. Currently, there are three different Fee-For-Service (FFS) program options: Basic, Enhanced, and Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plans.<sup>4</sup> The Basic Plan is available to low-income children and adults who do not have special needs.<sup>5</sup> The Enhanced Plan is intended for individuals with disabilities or special health needs. 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 of whether the beneficiary is enrolled in Basic 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 requirement of severe fibrosis (F3 or greater).<sup>6</sup> 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.”<sup>7</sup> Additionally, Idaho no longer imposes any prescriber restrictions. Idaho’s preferred drug list includes Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi as preferred and Harvoni, Sovaldi, Viekira Pak, and Zepatier as non-preferred.<sup>8</sup>

### Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Idaho Medicaid does not impose liver damage restrictions. Idaho does, however, require a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and documentation of fibrosis score (via non-invasive two tests), genotype, and HCV RNA within the last 6 months.<sup>9</sup>

### Sobriety Restrictions

Idaho Medicaid 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.”<sup>10</sup>

### Prescriber Restrictions

Idaho does not impose prescriber restrictions.<sup>11</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> Medicaid & CHIP in Idaho, By-State, Medicaid.org (Accessed December 2021): <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=idaho>.

<sup>3</sup> Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (Updated July 2021):

<http://kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/share-of-medicaid-population-covered-under-different-delivery-systems/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>.

<sup>4</sup> About Medicaid, Idaho Medicaid Program – Health Coverage for Idaho Families, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (Accessed December 2021): <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/medicaid-health/about-medicaid-adults>.

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

<sup>6</sup> Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, Idaho Medicaid (Approved: April 15, 2016):

<https://publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=14096&dbid=0&repo=PUBLIC-DOCUMENTS&cr=1>.

<sup>7</sup> Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2020): <https://publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=14096&dbid=0&repo=PUBLIC-DOCUMENTS&cr=1>;

See also Treatment of Hepatitis-C Virus (HCV) Prior Authorization Form, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2021): <https://publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=1891&dbid=0&repo=PUBLIC-DOCUMENTS>.

<sup>8</sup> Idaho Medicaid Preferred Drug List with Prior Authorization Criteria, Idaho Medicaid (Updated November 2021): <https://publicdocuments.dhw.idaho.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=15075&dbid=0&repo=PUBLIC-DOCUMENTS&cr=1>.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid. Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2020); See also Treatment of Hepatitis-C Virus (HCV) Prior Authorization Form, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2021).

<sup>10</sup> Ibid. Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2020); See also Treatment of Hepatitis-C Virus (HCV) Prior Authorization Form, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2021).

<sup>11</sup> Ibid. Prior Authorization Therapeutic Criteria Hepatitis C Agents, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2020); See also Treatment of Hepatitis-C Virus (HCV) Prior Authorization Form, Idaho Medicaid (Updated July 2021).

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<sup>13</sup> Idaho Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (Accessed December 2021): <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/about-dhw/boards-councils-committees/pharmacy-therapeutics-committee>.