

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Iowa



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

## State Overview

As of March 2024, 699,942 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> According to Iowa HHS, more than 18,000 Iowans have been diagnosed with chronic HCV.<sup>2</sup> As of July 1, 2022, 95% of Iowa Medicaid beneficiaries were enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO), with the remaining 5% in fee-for-service (FFS).<sup>3</sup> Iowa Medicaid contracts with the following 3 MCOs: Iowa Total Care, Molina Healthcare of Iowa, and Wellpoint Iowa.<sup>4</sup>

The Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.<sup>5</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. <sup>6</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose undue prescriber restrictions. For treatment-experienced patients, treatment must be prescribed “by or in consultation with a digestive disease, liver disease, or infectious disease provider practice.” <sup>9</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Access in Managed Care		Iowa Total Care <sup>11</sup> Molina Healthcare of Iowa, <sup>12</sup> and Wellpoint Iowa <sup>13</sup> impose the same restrictions as FFS.
Additional Restrictions	-6	Iowa Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows <sup>14</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of chronic HCV diagnosis.</li> <li>Documentation of genotype.</li> <li>Viral load must be collected within 12 months of prior authorization request.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> <b>86</b>
		<b>Grade</b> <b>B</b>

## Contact Your State Officials

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## Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List:** [Iowa Department of Human Services, Preferred Drug List \(July 1, 2024\)](#)  
**Clinical Criteria:** [Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization Criteria \(July 1, 2024\)](#)  
**Prior Authorization Form:** [Iowa Department of Human Services, Request for Prior Authorization: Hepatitis C Treatments \(June 2023\)](#)

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- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid and CHIP in Iowa, <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/stateprofile.html?state=iowa>.
  - <sup>2</sup> Iowa Health & Human Services, Hepatitis C, <https://perma.cc/8KCA-6MG4>.
  - <sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.
  - <sup>4</sup> Iowa DHS, MCO Provider-Specific Contact Information, <https://perma.cc/88HY-F9S7>.
  - <sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List.
  - <sup>6</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>7</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>8</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>9</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>10</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>11</sup> Iowa Total Care, Request for Prior Authorization, Hepatitis C Treatments (July 2024), <https://perma.cc/WW8U-GL4W>
  - <sup>12</sup> Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Request for Prior Authorization, Hepatitis C Treatments (July 2024), <https://perma.cc/8KC9-4RAF>.
  - <sup>13</sup> Wellpoint Iowa, Request for Prior Authorization: Hepatitis C Treatments (July 2024), <https://perma.cc/L8UQ-5JMP>.
  - <sup>14</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>15</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/7KTL-ULKZ> /.
  - <sup>16</sup> Iowa Medicaid PDL, Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee Info, <https://perma.cc/RFK2-GDGY>.