

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Kansas



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of October 2023, 464,948 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Kansas has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 14,600 people were living with HCV in Kansas.² The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services administer the Medicaid program, called KanCare. As of July 1, 2022, 98% of beneficiaries are enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO), while the remaining 2% are enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS).³ KanCare contracts with three MCOs: Aetna Better Health of Kansas, Sunflower Health Plan, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas.⁴

The Kansas Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.⁵

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Effective November 1, 2023, prior authorization is not required for preferred agents (Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir). ⁶
Fibrosis Restrictions		Kansas Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷
Substance Use Restrictions		Kansas Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁸
Prescriber Restrictions		Kansas Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for initial treatment. ⁹
Retreatment Restrictions		Kansas Medicaid does not impose undue retreatment restrictions. ¹⁰ However, prescriptions for treatment-experienced individuals must be written by or in consultation with a specialist.
Access in Managed Care		Aetna Better Health of Kansas, ¹¹ Sunflower Health Plan, ¹² and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas ¹³ impose the same requirements as FFS and link to the state PDL. ¹⁴
Additional Restrictions		Kansas Medicaid does not appear to impose additional restrictions. ¹⁵
Total Deductions -0		Total Score [100-Deductions] 100
		Grade A+

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Preferred Drug List \(Feb. 1, 2024\)](#)

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