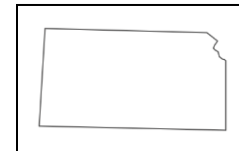


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Kansas



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

State Overview

As of February 2022, 474,267 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.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. 98 percent 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 includes Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.⁵

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ⁶
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Kansas Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Kansas Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁸
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Kansas Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for initial treatment. ⁹
Retreatment Restrictions	0	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	0	Aetna Better Health of Kansas, Sunflower Health Plan, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas impose the same requirements as FFS and use a unified prior authorization form. ¹¹
Additional Restrictions	-4	Kansas Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: ¹² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of genotype. Documentation of adherence counseling.
Total Deductions	12	Total Score [100-Deductions] 88
		Grade B

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Key Sources

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