

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Minnesota



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment. Remove sobriety requirement and other substance use restrictions. Remove additional restrictions as described below.

State Overview

As of February 2022, 1,287,576 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 24,300 people were living with HCV in Minnesota.² Minnesota's Medicaid program operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 80 percent, are enrolled in an MCO and the remaining 20 percent participate in FFS.³ Minnesota Medicaid contracts with eight MCOs: Blue Plus⁴, HealthPartners⁵, Hennepin Health⁶, Itasca Medical Care (IMCare)⁷, Medica⁸, Prime West Health⁹, South Country Health Alliance¹⁰, and UCare¹¹.

The Minnesota Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret and Vosevi.¹²

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ¹³
Fibrosis Restrictions		Minnesota Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ¹⁴
Substance Use Restrictions	-12	Minnesota Medicaid imposes substance use restrictions. The prior authorization form inquires about urine toxicology screening, whether the patient has abstained from drugs and alcohol for 3 and 6 months, and whether a patient is enrolled in a substance use treatment program. ¹⁵ According to the clinical criteria, the following restrictions are imposed: (a) patient must be enrolled in a substance use disorder treatment program and provider attestation of enrollment is provided at time of request OR (b) patients is counseled about measures to reduce the risk of HCV transmission to others and evidence of counseling is provided at time of request; AND (c) patient is offered at least TWO harm reduction services." ¹⁶
Prescriber Restrictions		Minnesota Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for most patients. If the patient is treatment experienced or has certain clinical conditions such as HBV or HIV, treatment must be prescribed by a specialist. ¹⁷
Retreatment Restrictions		Minnesota Medicaid does not impose undue retreatment restrictions. However, prescriptions for treatment-experienced individuals must be written by or in consultation with a specialist or a nurse practitioner/physician assistant working alongside a specialist. ¹⁸
Access in Managed Care		MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS. ¹⁹
Additional Restrictions	-4	Minnesota Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: ²⁰ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pretreatment HCV RNA must be collected within 1 year of treatment start date. Documentation of genotype.
Total Deductions -24		Total Score [100-Deductions] 76
		Grade C

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Minnesota Fee-for-Service and Managed Care Medicaid Uniform Preferred Drug List \(January 1, 2022\)](#)

Clinical Criteria: [Minnesota Department of Human Services Hepatitis C Clinical Criteria \(January 2021\)](#)

Prior Authorization Form: [Minnesota Department of Human Services Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Form](#)

¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Minnesota: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/stateprofile.html?state=minnesota>.

² HepVu, Local Data: Minnesota: <https://hepvu.org/local-data/minnesota/>.

³ Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems (July 1, 2021): <https://perma.cc/SY4K-FFQ5>.

⁴ Minnesota Care Blue Plus: <https://www.bluecrossmn.com/shop-plans/minnesota-health-care-programs/minnesotacare>.

⁵ HealthPartners Minnesota Medicaid: <https://www.healthpartners.com/insurance/minnesota-medical-assistance/>.

⁶ Hennepin Health: <https://www.hennepinhealth.org/>

⁷ Itasca County Minnesota: <http://www.imcare.org/352/IMCare-Division>.

⁸ Medica Health Insurance: <https://www.medica.com/>.

⁹ Prime West Health Minnesota: <https://www.primewest.org/home>.

¹⁰ South County Health Alliance: <https://mnscha.org/>.

¹¹ UCare: <https://www.ucare.org/>.

¹² Preferred Drug List.

¹³ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁴ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁵ Prior Authorization Form.

¹⁶ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁷ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁸ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁹ Minnesota Department of Human Services, Managed Care Contracts (2022): <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/minnesota-health-care-programs/managed-care-reporting/contracts.jsp>

²⁰ Clinical Criteria.

²¹ National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.

²² Minnesota Department of Human Services, Drug Formulary Committee: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/minnesota-health-care-programs/drug-formulary-committee/>.