

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Mississippi



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.</li> <li>Remove substance use abstinence and counseling requirements.</li> <li>Remove specialist consultation requirement.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of February 2022, 728,359 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 22,900 people were living with HCV in Mississippi.<sup>2</sup> Mississippi's Medicaid Program operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 99.4 percent, are enrolled in a MCO and the remaining 0.6 percent participate in FFS.<sup>3</sup> The MCO program is known as the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN)<sup>4</sup>, which is serviced by three health insurance plans: Magnolia Health<sup>5</sup>, United Healthcare<sup>6</sup>, and Molina Healthcare<sup>7</sup>.

The Mississippi Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.<sup>8</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. <sup>9</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Mississippi Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions	-12	Mississippi Medicaid imposes substance use restrictions. Mississippi requires abstinence from drug use for at least 6 months as evidenced by a negative urine drug screen, counseling regarding alcohol and IV drug use abstinence, and education on how to prevent HCV transmission. <sup>11</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions	-8	Mississippi Medicaid imposes prescriber restrictions. Treatment must be prescribed in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, infectious diseases specialist or other hepatic specialist. Documentation of the consult within the past year is required. <sup>12</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	0	Mississippi Medicaid does not appear to impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>13</sup>
Access in Managed Care	0	MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS. <sup>14</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-4	Mississippi Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <sup>15</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCV RNA must be collected within the last year.</li> <li>Documentation of genotype.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> 68
		<b>Grade</b> <b>D</b>

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Mississippi Division of Medicaid Universal Preferred Drug List \(April 1, 2022\)](#)

**Clinical Criteria:** [Mississippi Medicaid Hepatitis Clinical Criteria \(April 1, 2022\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Form:** [Mississippi Medicaid Prior Authorization Form \(April 1, 2022\)](#)

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

<sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Mississippi: <https://hepvu.org/local-data/mississippi/>

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

<sup>4</sup> Mississippi Medicaid, MississippiCAN Health Plans: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/mississippi-can-health-plans/>

<sup>5</sup> Magnolia Health Mississippi: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Magnolia-Health-Brochure.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> United Healthcare Community Mississippi: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/UnitedHealthcare-Brochure.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> MississippiCAN Molina Healthcare: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Molina-Healthcare-Brochure.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> Preferred Drug List.

<sup>9</sup> Preferred Drug List.

<sup>10</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>11</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>12</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>13</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>14</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>15</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>16</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.

<sup>17</sup> Mississippi Division of Medicaid, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-and-therapeutics-committee/>.