

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Mississippi



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 substance use counseling requirements.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of October 2023, 713,856 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> Mississippi has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.<sup>2</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 22,900 people were living with HCV in Mississippi.<sup>3</sup> Mississippi's Medicaid Program operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). 46.2 percent of Mississippi Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in a MCO and the remaining 53.8 percent participate in FFS.<sup>4</sup> The MCO program is known as the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN),<sup>5</sup> which is serviced by three health insurance plans: Magnolia Health<sup>6</sup>, United Healthcare<sup>7</sup>, and Molina Healthcare<sup>8</sup>.

The Mississippi Medicaid Preferred Drug List lists Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred regimens.<sup>9</sup> Harvoni, Sovaldi, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, Vosevi, and Eplclusa are listed as non-preferred.<sup>10</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. <sup>11</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Mississippi Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>12</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions	-4	Mississippi requires documentation of "counseling regarding abstinence from alcohol and IV drug use." <sup>13</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Mississippi Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for patients who qualify for simplified treatment. <sup>14</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	0	Mississippi Medicaid does not appear to impose undue retreatment restrictions. Prescriptions for treatment-experienced individuals must be written by or in consultation with a specialist. <sup>15</sup>
Access in Managed Care	0	All three MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS, and use the same prior authorization form as FFS. <sup>16</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-4	Mississippi Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <sup>17</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time-based lab requirement (HCV RNA must be collected within the last year).</li> <li>Documentation of genotype.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> 84
		<b>Grade</b> <b>B</b>

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Mississippi Division of Medicaid Universal Preferred Drug List \(Feb. 1, 2024\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Form/Clinical Criteria:** [Mississippi Division of Medicaid Prior Authorization Form \(Dec. 2, 2022\)](#)

- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Mississippi, <https://perma.cc/85KW-W6XZ>.
- <sup>2</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Mississippi, <https://perma.cc/85KW-W6XZ>.
- <sup>3</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Mississippi, <https://perma.cc/TY4L-2XKJ>.
- <sup>4</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems (July 1, 2022), <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.
- <sup>5</sup> Mississippi Medicaid, MississippiCAN Health Plans, <https://perma.cc/3EJE-ZCXN/>.
- <sup>6</sup> Magnolia Health Mississippi, <https://perma.cc/K8BA-UV7U>.
- <sup>7</sup> United Healthcare Community Mississippi, <https://perma.cc/94AQ-9LXX>.
- <sup>8</sup> MississippiCAN Molina Healthcare, <https://perma.cc/JL32-B749>.
- <sup>9</sup> Preferred Drug List.
- <sup>10</sup> Clinical Criteria.
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- <sup>12</sup> Clinical Criteria.
- <sup>13</sup> Clinical Criteria.
- <sup>14</sup> Clinical Criteria.
- <sup>15</sup> Clinical Criteria.
- <sup>16</sup> Prior Authorization Form.
- <sup>17</sup> Clinical Criteria.
- <sup>18</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/7KTL-ULKZ>.
- <sup>19</sup> Mississippi Division of Medicaid, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, <https://perma.cc/F9C8-2XVS>.
- <sup>20</sup> Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Members, State Fiscal Year 2024, <https://perma.cc/5A4X-ST6U>.