

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Nevada

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 21,900¹



Grade	Summary
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">B</p>	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Fee-For-Service (FFS) and one managed care organization (MCO), Anthem, do not impose liver damage restrictions. Two MCOs, Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit Healthplan, do not provide hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly. It is unclear whether one MCO, Molina, imposes liver damage restrictions.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: FFS and two MCOs, Anthem and Molina, do not impose sobriety requirements. Two MCOs, Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit, do not provide hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: FFS and one MCO, Molina, require that a prescription be written by or in consultation with a specialist. One MCO, Anthem, does not impose prescriber requirements. Two MCOs, Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit Healthplan, do not provide hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove prescriber restrictions. • Require MCOs to make their hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly available. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Nevada FFS does not impose liver damage or sobriety requirements, but does impose prescriber requirements. Although one MCO does not impose prescriber requirements, two other MCOs do not provide their coverage criteria publicly. Restrictions and lack of transparency within the MCO program carry greater importance as the state transitions all members to MCOs. Nevada's grade may be reevaluated after the full transition to managed care.</i></p>

Background

As of June 2021, Nevada had 794,724 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program.² Nevada operates Fee-For-Service (FFS) and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs).³ Most beneficiaries, 83 percent, are enrolled in the MCO program, 17 percent participate in FFS.⁴ The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) currently contracts with three MCOs: Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions (Anthem), Health Plan of Nevada, and SilverSummit Healthplan (SilverSummit). Beginning on January 1, 2022, all Medicaid enrollees in Nevada will be enrolled one of four MCO options, including the three current MCO plans with the addition of Molina Healthcare of Nevada (Molina).⁵

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Nevada Medicaid FFS does not impose liver damage or sobriety requirements, but it does require that a prescription be written by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, or HIV specialist, as well as a chronic hepatitis C diagnosis.⁶ Preferred DAA regimens include Epclusa, Harvoni, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, Mavyret, and sofosbuvir/delpatasvir.⁷ Non-preferred DAAs include Daklinza, Olysio, Sovaldi, Technivie, Viekira Pak, Vosevi, and Zepatier.⁸

Anthem requires prior authorization and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C.⁹ Anthem does not impose liver damage, sobriety, or prescriber restrictions.¹⁰ Anthem's preferred regimens are Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.¹¹

Health Plan of Nevada hepatitis C prior authorization criteria are not publicly available. Health Plan of Nevada's preferred drug list (PDL) states that hepatitis C medications require prior authorization.¹² The following DAA regimens are preferred: Epclusa, Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Zepatier.¹³

SilverSummit hepatitis C prior authorization criteria are not publicly available. SilverSummit's PDL states that DAAs require prior authorization.¹⁴ Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir are listed as preferred regimens.¹⁵

Molina does not impose sobriety restrictions.¹⁶ Although the plan's prior authorization form requires the patient's fibrosis score, it is not clear if the plan imposes liver damage restrictions.¹⁷ The plan appears to impose prescriber restrictions, by limiting prescriptions to those written by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, or HIV specialist.¹⁸ Molina's preferred regimens are ledipasvir/sofosbuvir and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.¹⁹

Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Nevada FFS and Anthem do not impose liver damage requirements.

Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit do not provide hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly.

It is unclear whether Molina imposes liver damage requirements.

Sobriety Restrictions

Nevada FFS, Anthem, and Molina do not impose sobriety requirements.

Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit do not provide hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly.

Prescriber Restrictions

Nevada FFS and Molina require that a prescription be written by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, or HIV specialist.

Anthem does not impose prescribing requirements.

Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit Healthplan do not provide hepatitis C coverage criteria publicly.

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