

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

New Hampshire



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure transparency and parity across FFS and MCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria.

State Overview

As of October 2022, 244,752 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in New Hampshire.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 7,700 people were living with HCV in New Hampshire.² New Hampshire Medicaid operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs).³ Most beneficiaries, 98 percent, are enrolled in an MCO, and the remaining 2 percent participate in FFS.⁴ New Hampshire Medicaid contracts with three managed care organizations (MCOs): AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire (AmeriHealth), NH Healthy Families, and Well Sense Health Plan (Well Sense).⁵

The New Hampshire Medicaid Preferred Drug List lists ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi as preferred regimens.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		For treatment-naïve individuals (1-year lookback), prior authorization is not required if they are prescribed a preferred regimen. ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions		New Hampshire Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions		New Hampshire Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁹
Prescriber Restrictions		New Hampshire Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁰
Retreatment Restrictions		New Hampshire Medicaid does not impose undue retreatment restrictions. ¹¹ For patients that are treatment experienced, the state requires that the prescription must be prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist, "or the prescriber must have completed continuing medical education on the treatment of hepatitis C." ¹²
Access in Managed Care	-8	All MCOs, AmeriHealth ¹³ , NH Healthy Families ¹⁴ , and Well Sense ¹⁵ appear to require prior authorization. Additionally, AmeriHealth Caritas requires that the "provider attests if member is actively abusing alcohol or IV drugs or has a history of abuse that they have counseled member regarding the risks of alcohol or IV drug abuse, and an offer of referral for substance abuse disorder treatment has been made." ¹⁶ NH Healthy Families does not publish hepatitis C coverage criteria. ¹⁷
Additional Restrictions		New Hampshire Medicaid does not impose any additional restrictions. ¹⁸
Total Deductions	-8	Total Score [100-Deductions]
		92
		Grade
		A

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [New Hampshire Medicaid Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 31, 2023\)](#)

Clinical Criteria: [New Hampshire Medicaid, Hepatitis C Criteria \(Jan. 14, 2022\)](#)

¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in New Hampshire: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=new-hampshire>.

² HepVu, Local Data: New Hampshire: <https://hepvu.org/state/new-hampshire>.

³ New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Medicaid Care Management, <https://perma.cc/9CZ9-4MFM>.

⁴ Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems (July 1, 2022), <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.

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⁶ Preferred Drug List.

⁷ Clinical Criteria.

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¹¹ Clinical Criteria.

¹² Clinical Criteria

¹³ AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire, Prior Authorization Criteria (December 27, 2022), <https://perma.cc/54EN-SCR6>.

¹⁴ NH Healthy Families, Preferred Drug List (Feb. 1, 2023), <https://perma.cc/FWY7-XKL9>.

¹⁵ Well Sense, Pharmacy Policy: Hepatitis C (Sept. 1, 2022), <https://perma.cc/DV5X-4TUB>.

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¹⁷ NH Health Families, Pharmacy: <https://perma.cc/75B5-ACRP>.

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¹⁹ National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors (accessed Jan. 2023), <https://perma.cc/TG6Y-BQFA>.

²⁰ New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Drug Utilization Review Board, Public Hearing (December 13, 2022): <https://perma.cc/H2XE-LH93>.