

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 February 2022, 237,372 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.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, 97.4 percent, are enrolled in an MCO. The remaining 2.6 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 includes Mavyret and Vosevi.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for treatment-naïve individuals. 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. However, for patients that are treatment experienced, the state requires that the prescription must be prescribed "by, or in consultation with, a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, infectious disease physician, or the prescriber must have completed continuing medical education on the treatment of hepatitis C." ¹¹
Access in Managed Care	-8	Unlike FFS, AmeriHealth ¹² , NH Healthy Families ¹³ , and Well Sense ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ NH Healthy Families does not publish hepatitis C coverage criteria. ¹⁶
Additional Restrictions		New Hampshire Medicaid does not impose any additional restrictions. ¹⁷
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 \(Jan. 1, 2022\)](#)

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/7KSE-7HFY>.

⁴ Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems (July 1, 2021): <https://perma.cc/SY4K-FFQ5>.

⁵ New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Medicaid Care Management: <https://perma.cc/7KSE-7HFY>.

⁶ Preferred Drug List.

⁷ Clinical Criteria.

⁸ Clinical Criteria.

⁹ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁰ Clinical Criteria.

¹¹ Clinical Criteria

¹² AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire, Prior Authorization Criteria (Apr. 14, 2022): <https://perma.cc/L9WX-7QLG>.

¹³ NH Health Families, Preferred Drug List (Jun. 1, 2022): <https://pharmacy.envolvehealth.com/content/dam/centene/envolve-pharmacy-solutions/pdfs/PDL/FORMULARY-NewHampshireHealthyFamilies.pdf>.

¹⁴ Well Sense, Pharmacy Policy, Hepatitis C (Jan. 1, 2021): <https://perma.cc/7GER-LBZP>.

¹⁵ AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire Prior Authorization Criteria (Apr. 14, 2022): <https://perma.cc/L9WX-7QLG>

¹⁶ NH Health Families, Pharmacy: <https://www.nhhealthyfamilies.com/providers/pharmacy.html>.

¹⁷ Clinical Criteria.

¹⁸ National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.

¹⁹ New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Drug Utilization Review Board, Public Hearing (December 2, 2021): <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/pharmacy/documents/dur-board-meeting-12022021.pdf>.