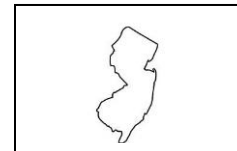


# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## New Jersey



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.</li> <li>Publish FFS HCV coverage criteria.</li> <li>Ensure transparency and parity across FFS and MCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of February 2022, 2,076,235 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 47,600 people were living with HCV in New Jersey.<sup>2</sup> New Jersey Medicaid operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 96 percent, are enrolled in an MCO. The remaining 4 percent participate in FFS.<sup>3</sup> New Jersey Medicaid contracts with five MCOs: Aetna Better Health of New Jersey (Aetna), Amerigroup RealSolutions (Amerigroup), Horizon NJ Health (Horizon), UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (UHC) and WellCare.<sup>4</sup>

New Jersey Medicaid does not use a Preferred Drug List.<sup>5</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. <sup>6</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	New Jersey Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions	0	New Jersey Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions	0	New Jersey Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>9</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	0	New Jersey Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Access in Managed Care	-8	WellCare does not publish HCV treatment coverage criteria. <sup>11</sup> Aetna <sup>12</sup> , Amerigroup <sup>13</sup> , Horizon, <sup>14</sup> and UHC <sup>15</sup> appear to follow the same criteria as FFS. UHC asks about the provider's "specialty," but does not appear to require a specialist to prescribe treatment. <sup>16</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-8	Additional restrictions could not be assessed as New Jersey Medicaid does not publish clinical criteria nor publish a prior authorization form for HCV treatment. <sup>17</sup> An 8-point deduction was given due to lack of transparency about clinical coverage criteria.
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> <b>76</b>
		<b>Grade</b> <b>C</b>

### Contact Your State Officials

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## Key Sources

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New Jersey Medicaid does not publish clinical criteria nor publish a prior authorization form for HCV treatment. Treatment access was evaluated using Drug Utilization Review Board minutes. The unpublished *Protocol for Direct Acting Antiviral Hepatitis C Drugs (Updated Jul. 1, 2021)* shared by email from the NJ Department of Human Services Office of Public Communications was not used to evaluate treatment access.

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- <sup>2</sup> HepVu, New Jersey State Profile: <https://hepvu.org/state/new-jersey/>.
- <sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, Medicaid Managed Care Market Tracker (Jul. 1, 2021): <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/share-of-medicaid-population-covered-under-different-delivery-systems/?currentTimeframe=0&selectedRows=%7B%22states%22:%7B%22new-jersey%22:%7B%7D%7D%7D&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>
- <sup>4</sup> New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, New Jersey Medicaid & Managed Care.: <https://perma.cc/J2YB-86FJ>.
- <sup>5</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, State Medicaid Preferred Drug Lists (Jul. 1, 2019): <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/medicaid-preferred-drug-lists/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>.
- <sup>6</sup> New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, DURB Meeting Summary (Jul. 14, 2021): <https://perma.cc/3C89-3WTV>.
- <sup>7</sup> New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, DURB Meeting Summary (Jul. 18, 2018): <https://perma.cc/R8JP-XMVQ>.
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- <sup>9</sup> New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, DURB Meeting Summary (Jul. 14, 2021): <https://perma.cc/3C89-3WTV>.
- <sup>10</sup> New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, DURB Meeting Summary (Jun. 22, 2016): <https://perma.cc/5AU5-QV3D>.
- <sup>11</sup> New Jersey WellCare, Provider Forms: <https://perma.cc/CU2T-8Q2J>.
- <sup>12</sup> Aetna Better Health, Protocol for Direct Acting Antiviral Hepatitis C Drugs: <https://perma.cc/SV5P-NVJW>.
- <sup>13</sup> Amerigroup Community Care Formulary, Clinical Criteria for Mavyret: <https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteCode=1501420370>.
- <sup>14</sup> Horizon NJ Health, Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Form (Sept. 2021): <https://perma.cc/6LGP-JREB>.
- <sup>15</sup> United Healthcare, New Jersey Community Plan Pharmacy Prior Authorization Forms, <https://perma.cc/88YN-63VT>.
- <sup>16</sup> New Jersey United Healthcare Community Plan, Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Form (Jul. 2022): <https://perma.cc/CP44-NENX>.
- <sup>17</sup> Clinical Criteria.
- <sup>18</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <http://medicaiddirectors.org/about/medicaid-directors/>.
- <sup>19</sup> New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Department of Human Services, Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB): <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/boards/durb/>.