

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## New York



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

### State Overview

As of February 2022, 7,132,557 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 116,000 people were living with HCV in New York.<sup>2</sup> New York operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 79 percent, are enrolled in a MCO plan and the remaining 21 percent participate in FFS.<sup>3</sup> New York Medicaid contracts with 16 MCOs: Affinity Health Plan, Amida Care, Capital District Physician’s Health Plan, EmblemHealth, Empire HealthChoice HMO, Excellus Health Plan, Fidelis Care, Healthfirst, Highmark, Independent Health Association, MetroPlus Health Plan, Molina Healthcare of New York, MVP Health Plan, UnitedHealthcare, Univera Healthcare, and VNS Choice (SNP).<sup>4</sup>

The New York Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi.<sup>5</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for treatment-naïve individuals. The only requirement is to "confirm diagnosis of FDA-approved or compendia-supported indication." <sup>6</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions		New York Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		New York Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions		New York Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>9</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	New York Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. For patients being retreated, it requires "confirmation of patient readiness and adherence, RNA testing, genotype and screening for HBV." <sup>10</sup>
Access in Managed Care		MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS.
Additional Restrictions		New York Medicaid does not impose any additional restrictions.
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b>
		<b>92</b>
		<b>Grade</b>
		<b>A</b>

### Contact Your State Officials

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### Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List and Clinical Criteria:** [New York State Medicaid, Preferred Drug Program \(August 11, 2022\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Form for Treatment-Experienced Patients:** [New York State Medicaid Pharmacy PA Programs, Hepatitis C Agents Prior Authorization Worksheet \(Oct. 20, 2020\)](#)

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- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in New York: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=new-york>.
  - <sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: New York State Profile: <https://hepvu.org/state/new-york>.
  - <sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems (July 1, 2021): <https://perma.cc/SY4K-FFQ5>;
  - <sup>4</sup> New York State Department of Health, New York State Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Pharmacy Benefit Information Center: <https://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/>
  - <sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List and Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>6</sup> Preferred Drug List and Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>7</sup> Preferred Drug List and Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>8</sup> Preferred Drug List and Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>9</sup> Preferred Drug List and Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>10</sup> Prior Authorization Form for Treatment-Experienced Patients.
  - <sup>11</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.