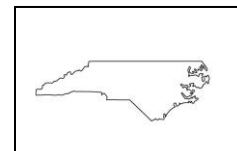


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

North Carolina



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of October 2023, 2,233,489 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in North Carolina.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 66,400 people were living with HCV in North Carolina.² North Carolina operates three different Medicaid programs. 69 percent of beneficiaries receive care from a managed care organization (MCO), 28 percent of beneficiaries receive care from physicians who contract directly with the state through a Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) system, and just 3 percent participate in the state's Fee-For-Service (FFS) program.³ North Carolina Medicaid contracts with 5 MCOs: AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina, Inc. (AmeriHealth), Carolina Complete Health (Carolina Complete Health), Healthy Blue of North Carolina (Blue Cross Blue Shield), UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of North Carolina (UnitedHealthcare), and WellCare of North Carolina (WellCare).⁴

The North Carolina Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi.⁵

Deductions	Policy
Prior Authorization	Effective October 2023, prior authorization is not required for Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir. ⁶
Fibrosis Restrictions	North Carolina Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷
Substance Use Restrictions	North Carolina Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁸
Prescriber Restrictions	North Carolina Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ⁹
Retreatment Restrictions	North Carolina Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. ¹⁰
Access in Managed Care	All MCOs, AmeriHealth, ¹¹ Carolina Complete Health, ¹² Healthy Blue of North Carolina, ¹³ UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, ¹⁴ and WellCare of North Carolina ¹⁵ appear to impose the same requirements as FFS by linking to the NC DHHS Preferred Drug List and Clinical Coverage Policies. While they do link to the current PDL and appear to impose no greater requirements than FFS, Carolina Complete Health ¹⁶ and United Healthcare ¹⁷ continue to publish outdated prior authorization forms for Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir on their websites.
Additional Restrictions	North Carolina Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. ¹⁸
Total Deductions -0	Total Score [100-Deductions] 100
	Grade A+

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Key Sources

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