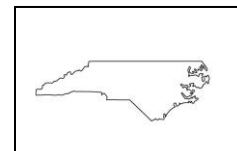


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

North Carolina



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment. Remove additional restrictions as described below.

State Overview

As of October 2022, 2,298,651 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. North Carolina has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.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), Healthy Blue of North Carolina (Blue Cross Blue Shield), UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, Inc. (UnitedHealthcare), WellCare of North Carolina, Inc. (WellCare), and Carolina Complete Health, Inc. (Carolina Complete Health).⁴

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

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. 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		AmeriHealth ¹¹ , Healthy Blue of North Carolina ¹² , UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, ¹³ WellCare of North Carolina ¹⁴ and Carolina Complete Health impose the same requirements as FFS. ¹⁵
Additional Restrictions	-6	North Carolina Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: ¹⁶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCV RNA collected within 6 months of request. Documentation of chronic HCV infection. Patient must be evaluated for "readiness for treatment."
Total Deductions	-14	Total Score [100-Deductions]
		86
		Grade B

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [North Carolina Medicaid and Health Choice Preferred Drug List \(Revised Jan. 27, 2023\)](#)

Clinical Criteria: [NC Division of Medical Assistance Outpatient Pharmacy, Prior Approval Criteria, Hepatitis C \(Feb. 1, 2022\)](#)

Prior Authorization Form: [NC Tracks, Prior Authorization Forms for Hepatitis C \(Feb. 26, 2021\)](#)

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