

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Ohio



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

State Overview

As of October 2022, 3,318,481 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 89,600 people were living with HCV in Ohio.² Ohio operates a fee-for-service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 91 percent, are enrolled in an MCO. The remaining 9 percent participate in FFS or limited benefits managed care programs.³ Ohio Medicaid contracts with seven MCOs: Buckeye Community Health Plan, CareSource, Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Humana, AmeriHealth Caritas, Anthem and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.⁴ Ohio Medicaid uses a unified Preferred Drug List for all MCOs.⁵

The Ohio Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred regimens.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁹
Prescriber Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁰
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Ohio Medicaid restricts access to retreatment. ¹¹ Patients who seek retreatment must document the reason their previous treatment failed, and “if reason for prior failure is non-adherence to prior therapy or failure to complete therapy,” the patient must document “what is different this time to try to improve the outcome.” ¹²
Access in Managed Care		All MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS according to the uniform preferred drug list.
Additional Restrictions	-6	Ohio Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: ¹³ <ul style="list-style-type: none">HCV RNA must be collected within 180 days of application for therapy.Documentation of genotype.Documentation of adherence counseling.
Total Deductions -22		Total Score [100-Deductions] 78
		Grade C

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [Ohio Medicaid, Unified Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 1, 2023\).](#)

Prior Authorization Form: [Ohio Medicaid, Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment \(Nov. 2021\).](#)

¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Ohio, <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=ohio>.

² HepVu, Local Data: Ohio: <https://hepvu.org/state/ohio/>.

³ Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems (July 1, 2022), <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.

⁴ Ohio Medicaid, Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid's Managed Care Organizations (Jan. 15, 2023), <https://ohfiles.blob.core.windows.net/public/OhioMHWebsite/Documents/Next%20Generation%20Health%20Plan%20Comparison.pdf>.

⁵ Preferred Drug List.

⁶ Preferred Drug List.

⁷ Prior Authorization Form.

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¹⁰ Prior Authorization Form.

¹¹ Prior Authorization Form.

¹² Prior Authorization Form.

¹³ Prior Authorization Form.

¹⁴ National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.

¹⁵ Ohio Medicaid, Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/pharmacy-therapeutics-committee>.