

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Ohio



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

### State Overview

As of October 2023, 3,152,322 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 89,600 people were living with HCV in Ohio.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Ohio Medicaid contracts with seven MCOs: Buckeye Community Health Plan, CareSource, Molina Healthcare of Ohio, Humana, AmeriHealth Caritas, Anthem and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.<sup>4</sup> Ohio Medicaid uses a unified Preferred Drug List for all MCOs.<sup>5</sup> Ohio excludes Medicaid pharmacy benefits from MCO contracts, thus all MCOs follow FFS requirements.<sup>6</sup>

The Ohio Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred regimens.<sup>7</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. <sup>8</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>9</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>11</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions		Ohio Medicaid does not restrict access to retreatment. <sup>12</sup>
Access in Managed Care		All MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS according to the uniform preferred drug list. <sup>13</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-6	Ohio Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows <sup>14</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCV RNA must be collected within 180 days of application for therapy.</li> <li>Documentation of genotype.</li> <li>Documentation of adherence counseling.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> <b>86</b>
		<b>Grade</b> <b>B</b>

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Ohio Medicaid, Unified Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 1, 2024\).](#)

**Prior Authorization Form:** [Ohio Medicaid, Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment \(Apr. 18, 2023\).](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Ohio, <https://perma.cc/78CG-WSL5>.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Ohio Medicaid, Next Generation of Ohio Medicaid's Managed Care Organizations (Nov. 14, 2023), <https://perma.cc/LQM5-3GJS>

<sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List.

<sup>6</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Annual Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 (Nov. 14, 2023), <https://perma.cc/4K6Y-8DEM>.

<sup>7</sup> Preferred Drug List.

<sup>8</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

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<sup>12</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>13</sup> Annual Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, Kaiser Family Foundation (Nov. 14, 2023), <https://perma.cc/4K6Y-8DEM>.

<sup>14</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>15</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.

<sup>16</sup> Ohio Medicaid, Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/stakeholders-and-partners/phm/pt-committee/pt-committee>.