

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Ohio

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 89,600¹



Grade	Summary
B+	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Ohio Medicaid does not impose liver damage restrictions.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: Ohio Medicaid does not impose sobriety restrictions.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: Ohio Medicaid requires a prescription be written by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist or infectious disease specialist.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate remaining prescriber restrictions.• Maintain transparency and parity across FFS and MCO programs. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Ohio Medicaid offers good access to hepatitis C treatment, having removed fibrosis and sobriety restrictions and ensuring parity across FFS and MCOs. However, Ohio continues require a specialist to prescribe or consult. Ohio could improve its grade by removing this restriction.</i></p>

Background

As of June 2021, Ohio had 3,068,766 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).² Ohio operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 88 percent, are enrolled in a MCO. The balance participate in FFS or limited benefits managed care programs.³ The state currently contracts with five managed care plans, including three national, for-profit plans: Buckeye Community Health Plan, Molina Healthcare of Ohio and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan; one national, not-for-profit plan: CareSource; and one local, for-profit plan: Paramount Advantage.⁴

State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Effective January 1, 2020, the Ohio Department of Medicaid implemented a Unified Preferred Drug List (UPDL) that encompasses the entire Medicaid population regardless of enrollment in managed care or FFS.⁵ Additionally, Ohio requires that all MCOs make prior authorization determinations using uniform criteria.⁶ As reflected in the UPDL, Ohio Medicaid no longer imposes liver damage restrictions or sobriety requirements.⁷ Ohio Medicaid does require a prescription by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, or infectious disease physician.⁸ Preferred Direct-Acting Antivirals (DAAs) are Mavyret, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and non-preferred are ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, Sovaldi, Vosevi, and Zepatier.⁹ The Ohio Medicaid prior authorization form includes an appendix identifying the appropriate regimens recommended for patients based on treatment experience, fibrosis stage, reinfection and transplant status.¹⁰

Each of the five Medicaid managed care organizations have adopted the Ohio Department of Medicaid prior authorization form and criteria.¹¹

Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Ohio Medicaid does not impose liver damage restrictions.¹²

Sobriety Restrictions

Ohio Medicaid does not impose sobriety restrictions.¹³ The Ohio Medicaid prior authorization form requires submission of documentation that: “Prescriber has discussed the importance of adherence to treatment plan, office visits, lab monitoring, imaging procedures, and to taking requested regimen as prescribed.”¹⁴

Prescriber Restrictions

Ohio Medicaid requires a prescription be written by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist or infectious disease specialist.¹⁵

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¹ Ohio State Profile, HepVu (Accessed December 2021): <https://hepvu.org/state/ohio/>.

² Medicaid and CHIP in Ohio, By-State, Medicaid.gov (Accessed December 2021): <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=ohio>.

³ Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, Medicaid Managed Care Market Tracker, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, July 1, 2016 (Accessed August 2017):

<http://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/share-of-medicaid-population-covered-under-different-delivery-systems/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>; See also Ohio Department of Medicaid Annual Report (August 1, 2021):

https://medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/d391faf0-3fba-4111-b775-901572961548/Ohio+Department+of+Medicaid+SFY2021+Annual+Report.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0J000Q09DDDDM3000-d391faf0-3fba-4111-b775-901572961548-njvOkBe.

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⁵ Unified Preferred Drug List, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021): <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/unified-pdl>.

⁶ Unified Preferred Drug list (Criteria), Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021): <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/UPDL%20Criteria.pdf>; See also Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021): https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/20210507_ODM10186Fillx.HepC_.pdf#overlay-context=prior-authorization.

⁷ Ibid. Unified Preferred Drug list (Criteria), Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021); See also Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

⁸ Ibid. Unified Preferred Drug list (Criteria), Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021); See also Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

⁹ Ibid. Unified Preferred Drug List, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

¹⁰ Ibid. Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

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¹² Ibid. Unified Preferred Drug list (Criteria), Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

¹³ Ibid. Unified Preferred Drug list (Criteria), Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

¹⁴ Ibid. Prior Authorization Hepatitis C Treatment, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

¹⁵ Ibid. Unified Preferred Drug list (Criteria), Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021).

¹⁶ Ohio, Medicaid Directors, National Association of Medicaid Directors (Accessed December 2021): <http://medicaiddirectors.org/about/medicaid-directors/>; See also Our Leadership, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021): <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/medicaid/about-us/director-bio/>.

¹⁷ Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, Ohio Department of Medicaid (Accessed December 2021): <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/pharmacy-therapeutics-committee>.