Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Oregon



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access		
C	 Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment. Remove retreatment restrictions. Ensure transparency and parity across FFS and CCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria. Remove additional restrictions as described below. 		

State Overview

As of February 2022, 1,279,521 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 48,700 people were living with HCV in Oregon.² Oregon Medicaid contracts with 12 managed care entities, referred to as coordinated care organizations (CCOs):³ Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/CareOregon, InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, Umpqua Health Alliance, and Yamhill Community Care.⁴ Notably, Oregon Medicaid has decided to remove prior authorization for preferred regimens for treatment-naïve individuals, beginning in 2023.⁵

The Oregon Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret, Vosevi, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.6

Deductions		Policy		
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) HCV treatment regimens. ⁷		
Fibrosis Restrictions		Oregon Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions.8		
Substance Use Restrictions		Oregon Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁹		
Prescriber Restrictions		Oregon Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁰		
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Oregon Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. Retreatment is denied if previous treatment failure was due to noncompliance or loss of follow-up. ¹¹		
Access in Managed Care	-8	InterCommunity Health Network ¹² imposes more stringent requirements than FFS. Treatment must be "prescribed by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or infectious disease specialist." Advanced Health, ¹³ AllCare CCO, ¹⁴ Cascade Health Alliance, ¹⁵ Columbia Pacific CCO, ¹⁶ Eastern Oregon CCO, ¹⁷ Health Share of Oregon/CareOregon, ¹⁸ Jackson Care Connect, ¹⁹ PacificSource Community Solutions, ²⁰ Trillium Community Health Plan, ²¹ Umpqua Health Alliance, ²² and Yamhill Community Care ²³ impose the same requirements as FFS.		
Additional Restrictions	-4	 Oregon Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows:²⁴ Documentation of chronic HCV infection. Documentation of adherence counseling. Patients and providers must attest to "comply with case management to promote the best possible outcome for the patient and adhere to monitoring requirements by the Oregon Health Authority, including measuring and reporting of a post-treatment viral load" or that they have "opted out of OHA case management." 		
Total Deductions		Total Score [100-Deductions]	Grade	
-28		72	C	



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Key Sources

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Prior Authorization Criteria Update: Oregon Health Authority, Prior Authorization Criteria Update (April 2022).

Intercommunity Health Network Prior Approval List: Intercommunity Health Network, 2022 Prior Approval List.

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Cascade Health Alliance Prior Authorization Form: Cascade Health Alliance, LLC, CHA Hepatitis C Treatment Request Form.

Columbia Pacific CCO Clinical Criteria: CareOregon, Hepatitis C Antivirals (Mar. 2022).

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Health Share of Oregon/CareOregon Prior Authorization Form: CareOregon, Hepatitis C Therapy Request Form.

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Yamhill Community Care Clinical Criteria: Yamhill Community Care, Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria (Jun. 2021).



¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Oregon: https://perma.cc/YM4K-TNHR.

² HepVu, Local Data: Oregon (Jan. 2022): https://perma.cc/X9J7-2PS6.

³ Oregon Health Authority, Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO): https://perma.cc/74RS-FUKR.

⁴ Oregon Health Authority, Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO): https://perma.cc/74RS-FUKR.

⁵ Prior Authorization Criteria Update.

⁶ Preferred Drug List.

⁷ Preferred Drug List.

⁸ Prior Authorization Criteria Update.

⁹ Prior Authorization Criteria Update.

¹⁰ Prior Authorization Criteria Update.

¹¹ Prior Authorization Criteria Update.

¹² Intercommunity Health Network Prior Approval List.

¹³ Advanced Health Clinical Criteria.

¹⁴ AllCare CCO Clinical Criteria.

¹⁵ Cascade Health Alliance Prior Authorization Form.

¹⁶ Columbia Pacific CCO Clinical Criteria.

¹⁷ Eastern Oregon CCO Clinical Criteria.

¹⁸ CareOregon, Hepatitis C Therapy Request Form: https://perma.cc/2LLB-7QVD.

¹⁹ Columbia Pacific CCO Clinical Criteria.

²⁰ Pacific Source Community Solutions Prior Authorization Form.

²¹ Trillium Community Health Plan Clinical Criteria.

²² UMPOUA Health Alliance Prior Authorization Form.

²³ Yamhill Community Care Clinical Criteria; see also Department of Consumer Business & Service, Pharmacy PA Form: https://perma.cc/MSJ3-8KDC.

²⁴ Prior Authorization Criteria Update.

²⁵ National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK.

²⁶ Oregon State University, About the Committee: https://perma.cc/2XNR-RUK8.