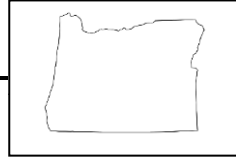


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Oregon

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 48,700¹



| Grade | Summary |
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| <h1>A-</h1> | <p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Fee-For-Service (FFS), Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance do not impose liver damage restrictions. Yamhill Community Care does not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: FFS, Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance do not impose sobriety restrictions. Yamhill Community Care does not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: FFS, Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance do not impose prescriber restrictions except for patients with cirrhosis (F4), for which a specialist must be consulted. InterCommunity Health Network CCO appears to require that treatment to be prescribed by or in consultation with a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or infectious disease specialist. Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure parity across FFS and MCO programs and transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Oregon FFS and MCOs have mostly eliminated restrictions in all categories. With these restrictions lifted, most individuals should have access to hepatitis C treatment. However, one MCO is not transparent in their coverage requirements and one MCO has more stringent prescriber restrictions than FFS, thus a minus was added to the state's "A" grade.</i></p> |

Background

As of June 2021, Oregon had 1,206,932 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program.² Oregon Medicaid, known as the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and contracts with managed care organizations (MCOs), referred as coordinated care organizations (CCOs).³ Most beneficiaries, 92 percent, are enrolled in a CCO; the remaining 8 percent participate in FFS.⁴ OHP administers several health care programs that serve specific populations: *OHP Plus* for children ages 0-18 and adults ages 19-64 and *OHP Plus Supplemental* for pregnant adults age 21 or older.⁵ The state is divided into geographic service areas that are served by 12 CCOs including: Advanced Health, AllCare Health, 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.⁶

State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Oregon Medicaid FFS has made improvements in opening access by eliminating restrictions in most categories. As of January 2019, Oregon removed sobriety restrictions from treatment eligibility criteria. Oregon further expanded access in March 2019 by no longer imposing liver damage restrictions.⁷ Oregon FFS continues to require a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, but the Drug Use Research & Management Program notes that the Oregon P&T Committee should “consider approval for acute HCV based on further analysis.”⁸ For most patients, Oregon FFS does not impose any prescriber restrictions. However, for individuals with cirrhosis (F4), a specialist must prescribe or consult.⁹ Additionally, the PA form requires attestation that “the patient and provider will comply with case management to promote the best possible outcome for the patient and adhere to monitoring requirements required by the Oregon Health Authority, including measuring and reporting of a posttreatment viral load.¹⁰ All patients must be involved in case management in an effort to ensure compliance. The PA form also directs the reviewer to deny the request and refer it to the medical director for reviewer if the “prescribed regimen for the retreatment after failure of a DAA due to noncompliance or loss of follow-up?”¹¹ The FFS Preferred Drug List (PDL) identifies Eplclusa (brand and

generic), Mavyret, and Vosevi, as the preferred agents and Daklinza, Harvoni (brand and generic), Sovaldi, Viekira Pak and Zepatier as non-preferred.¹²

Most CCOs impose the same hepatitis C coverage criteria as FFS. Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, Umpqua Health Alliance follow the FFS criteria.^{13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22}

InterCommunity Health Network CCO mostly follows FFS criteria, but appears to require that treatment be prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist.²³

Yamhill Community Care does not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.

Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Fee-For-Service (FFS), Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance do not impose liver damage restrictions.

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Sobriety Restrictions

FFS, Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance do not impose sobriety restrictions.

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Prescriber Restrictions

FFS, Advanced Health, AllCare Health, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon/Care Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance do not impose prescriber restrictions except for patients with cirrhosis (F4), for which a specialist must be consulted.

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