Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Pennsylvania



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access		
A +	Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.		

State Overview

As of April 2023, 3,728,305 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 93,900 people were living with HCV in Pennsylvania.² Pennsylvania Medicaid contracts with eight managed care organizations (MCOs): Aetna, Health Partners, Keystone First, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Gateway, UPMC, AmeriHealth, and Geisinger.³ All MCOs appear to follow the HCV treatment criteria set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services statewide preferred drug list.

The Pennsylvania Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.4

Deductions		Policy		
Prior Authorization		Effective July 10, 2023, prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. ⁵		
Fibrosis Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁶		
Substance Use Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁷		
Prescriber Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions.8		
Retreatment Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. ⁹		
Access in Managed Care		"Prior authorization guidelines for drugs and products included in the Statewide PDL apply to FFS and the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance MCOs." ¹⁰		
Additional Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. ¹¹		
Total Deductions		Total Score [100-Deductions]	Grade	
0		100	A+	

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Statewide Preferred Drug List (PDL) (Jan. 2023). Clinical Criteria: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Medical Assistance Bulletin (Jul. 10, 2023).





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- ² HepVu, Local Data: Pennsylvania (Feb. 2023): https://perma.cc/E6RN-A67S.
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- ¹¹ Clinical Criteria.
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- ¹³ Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (Mar. 2022): https://perma.cc/55KK-F9QP.



