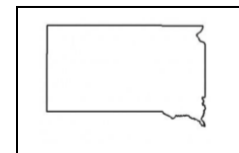


# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Pennsylvania



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>A+</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of October 2023, 3,450,273 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 93,900 people were living with HCV in Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania Medicaid contracts with seven managed care organizations (MCOs): AmeriHealth Caritas, Health Partners, Highmark Wholecare, Keystone First, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, UPMC, and Geisinger.<sup>3</sup>

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

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Effective July 10, 2023, prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. <sup>5</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>6</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>9</sup>
Access in Managed Care		All MCOs appear to follow the HCV treatment criteria set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services statewide preferred drug list. "The prior authorization guidelines for drugs and drug classes included on the Statewide PDL apply to beneficiaries who receive their pharmacy benefits through the FFS delivery system and to beneficiaries who receive their pharmacy benefits through one of the HealthChoices/Community HealthChoices MCOs." <sup>10</sup>
Additional Restrictions		Pennsylvania Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. <sup>11</sup>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b>	<b>Grade</b>
-0	100	A+

### Contact Your State Officials

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### Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List:** [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Statewide Preferred Drug List \(PDL\) \(Jan. 8, 2024\)](#)

**Clinical Criteria:** [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Medical Assistance Bulletin \(Jul. 10, 2023\)](#)

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- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Pennsylvania, <https://perma.cc/M4RJ-TGDN>.
  - <sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Pennsylvania State Profile, <https://perma.cc/E6RN-A67S>.
  - <sup>3</sup> Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Physical HealthChoices Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), <https://perma.cc/JE3D-LQZ4>.
  - <sup>4</sup> Preferred Drug List.
  - <sup>5</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>6</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>7</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>8</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>9</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>10</sup> Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Statewide Preferred Drug List Information, <https://perma.cc/4RZU-7DJA>.
  - <sup>11</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>12</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.
  - <sup>13</sup> Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, <https://perma.cc/55KK-F9QP>.