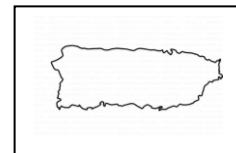


# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Puerto Rico



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of August 2021, 1,500,000 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> The Puerto Rico Department of Health is a single state agency, which has a cooperative agreement with the *Administración de Seguros Salud de Puerto Rico* (ASES),<sup>2</sup> called *El Plan de Salud VITAL* (VITAL Health Plan).<sup>3</sup> ASES implements and administers the island-wide health insurance system and contracts with four managed care organizations (MCOs)<sup>4</sup>: First Medical Health Plan, MMM Multi Health, Plan de Salud Menonita, and Triple-S Salud.<sup>5</sup>

Mavyret is the preferred regimen for Puerto Rico’s Medicaid program.<sup>6</sup>

Deductions		Policy				
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. <sup>7</sup>				
Fibrosis Restrictions		Puerto Rico Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>8</sup>				
Substance Use Restrictions		Puerto Rico Medicaid does not appear to impose substance use restrictions. However, the clinical criteria document does note that for patients with a history of substance use, it is “recommended that the patient be counseled and recommended to seek help for the management of his/her dependence. If the patient agrees, then help him/her with referral for management of his/her dependence.” <sup>9</sup>				
Prescriber Restrictions		Puerto Rico Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for most patients. <sup>10</sup> Prescription by a specialist is still required for patients with certain specific “complications such as advanced liver disease, compensated cirrhosis, hepatitis B concomitant, severe renal impairment/end stage renal disease or HIV.” <sup>11</sup>				
Retreatment Restrictions		Puerto Rico Medicaid does not appear to impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>12</sup>				
Access in Managed Care		First Medical Health Plan, MMM Multi Health, Plan de Salud Menonita, and Triple-S Salud appear to impose the same requirements as FFS. <sup>13</sup>				
Additional Restrictions	-4	Puerto Rico Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <sup>14</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restricts coverage for people with “severe disease states or medical conditions which significantly impede compliance with treatment.”</li> <li>For patients with compensated cirrhosis, prescriptions must be written by a specialist.</li> </ul>				
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## Key Sources<sup>17</sup>

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**Clinical Criteria:** [Glecaprevir and Pibrentasvir \(Mavyret\) Clinical Criteria \(June 2023\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Form:** [Glecaprevir and Pibrentasvir \(Mavyret\) PA Form \(June 2023\)](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Quality of Care in Puerto Rico: <https://perma.cc/8TZQ-MKTN>.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Quality of Care in Puerto Rico: <https://perma.cc/8TZQ-MKTN>.

<sup>3</sup> Managed Care in Puerto Rico, <https://perma.cc/9X98-BH4V>.

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<sup>5</sup> Managed Care in Puerto Rico, <https://perma.cc/9X98-BH4V>.

<sup>6</sup> Clinical Criteria.

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<sup>12</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>13</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>14</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>15</sup> Department of Health PR, Contact Us: <https://perma.cc/TYE5-MZ2D>.

<sup>16</sup> Department of Health PR, Directory of Facilities, Secretariat, Offices and Programs: <https://perma.cc/6VQA-9LVY>.

<sup>17</sup> The clinical criteria and prior authorization forms may be accessed from the following landing page: Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration, Protocolos Clínicos de Medicamentos (accessed Jul. 10, 2023), <https://perma.cc/5CJH-DP4A>.