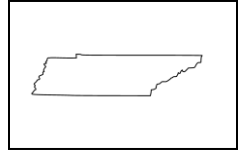


# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Tennessee



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

### State Overview

As of October 2022, 1,757,793 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Tennessee has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 69,100 people were living with HCV in Tennessee.<sup>2</sup> Tennessee Medicaid contracts with three managed care organizations (MCOs): Amerigroup, BlueCare, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.<sup>3</sup>

The Tennessee Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa (brand and generic), Harvoni (brand and generic), sofosbuvir/velpatasvir and Mavyret.<sup>4</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) HCV treatment regimens. <sup>5</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>6</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for most patients. If patients have “a history of HIV, HBC co-infection, prior history with direct acting hepatitis C antivirals, or decompensated cirrhosis” authorization must be requested “by or in consultation with a physician specialist with experience in the treatment of hepatitis C infection (e.g., Hepatology, Infectious Disease or Gastroenterology).” <sup>8</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>9</sup>
Access in Managed Care		Amerigroup, BlueCare, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan impose the same requirements as FFS. Optum Rx is the pharmacy benefit manager for all MCOs, providing the same coverage across the state’s Medicaid program. <sup>10</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-4	Tennessee Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <sup>11</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Documentation of chronic HCV infection.</li><li>Documentation of genotype.</li></ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> <b>88</b>
		<b>Grade</b> <b>B</b>

### Contact Your State Officials

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### Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List:** [TennCare, PDL \(Jan. 2023\).](#)

**Clinical Criteria:** [TennCare, Clinical Criteria, Step Therapy, and Quantity Limits for TennCare Preferred Drug List \(PDL\) \(Feb. 2023\).](#)

**Prior Authorization Form:** [TennCare, Prior Authorization Form \(Aug. 2022\).](#)

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- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Tennessee: <https://perma.cc/YM8F-TD4K>.
  - <sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Tennessee (Last Viewed Feb. 2023): <https://perma.cc/34US-H34S>.
  - <sup>3</sup> Division of TennCare, Managed Care Organizations (Last Viewed): <https://perma.cc/PG2Z-WKGN>.
  - <sup>4</sup> Preferred Drug List.
  - <sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List.
  - <sup>6</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>7</sup> Prior Authorization Form.
  - <sup>8</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>9</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>10</sup> Division of TennCare, Prescriber (May 2022): <https://perma.cc/H2DY-W9H6>.
  - <sup>11</sup> TennCare, Prior Authorization Form (Mar. 2022): <https://perma.cc/9L7P-V4DH>.
  - <sup>12</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors: <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.