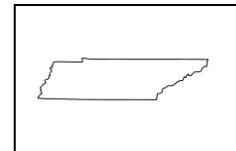


# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## 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 additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of October 2023, 1,685,834 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): BlueCare, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, and Wellpoint (formerly Amerigroup).<sup>3</sup>

The Tennessee Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Harvoni, Mavyret, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.<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		Tennessee excludes Medicaid pharmacy benefits from MCO contracts, thus all MCOs follow TennCare requirements. <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>

### Contact Your State Officials

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### Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List:** [TennCare, Preferred Drug List \(Jan. 2024\)](#)

**Clinical Criteria:** [TennCare, Clinical Criteria, Step Therapy, and Quantity Limits for TennCare Preferred Drug List \(PDL\) \(Feb. 1, 2024\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Forms:** [TennCare, Epclusa Prior Authorization Forms \(Aug. 2022\)](#) and [TennCare, Mavyret Prior Authorization Form \(Oct. 2023\)](#)

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- <sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Tennessee, <https://perma.cc/6XEP-DLE3>.
  - <sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Tennessee State Profile, <https://perma.cc/34US-H34S>.
  - <sup>3</sup> Division of TennCare, Managed Care Organizations, <https://perma.cc/FBP5-PCDG>.
  - <sup>4</sup> Preferred Drug List.
  - <sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List.
  - <sup>6</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>7</sup> Prior Authorization Forms.
  - <sup>8</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>9</sup> Clinical Criteria.
  - <sup>10</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Annual Medicaid Budget Survey for State Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, Kaiser Family Foundation (Nov. 14, 2023), <https://perma.cc/4K6Y-8DEM>.
  - <sup>11</sup> Prior Authorization Forms.
  - <sup>12</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/RK6K-TFKK>.