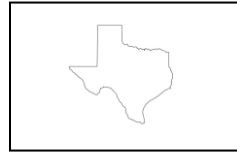


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Texas



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

State Overview

As of September 2023, 5,133,532 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Texas has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 202,500 people were living with HCV in Texas.² As of July 1, 2022, most beneficiaries, 97 percent, are enrolled in an MCO; the remaining 3 percent participate in FFS.³ Texas Medicaid contracts with 16 managed care organizations (MCOs): Aetna Better Health, Wellpoint (formerly Amerigroup), BlueCross BlueShield of Texas (BCBS), Community Health First Plan (CHFP), Community Health Choice (CHC), Cook Children’s Health Plan, Dell Children’s Health Plan, Driscoll, El Paso Health (El Paso), FirstCare, Molina Healthcare of Texas (Molina), Parkland Community Health (Parkland), Scott & White RightCare, Superior HealthPlan (Superior), Texas Children’s, and UnitedHealthcare (UHC)⁴. All MCOs apply FFS hepatitis C coverage requirements.⁵

Mavyret is the only preferred regimen on the Texas Medicaid Preferred Drug List.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for preferred regimens (Mavyret). ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions		Texas Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions		Texas Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁹
Prescriber Restrictions		Texas Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁰
Retreatment Restrictions		Texas Medicaid does not appear to impose undue retreatment restrictions. ¹¹
Access in Managed Care		<p>Texas Medicaid’s removal of prior authorization for Mavyret applies to “all Medicaid clients in managed care and fee-for-service.”¹²</p> <p>Additionally, all MCOs (Aetna Better Health,¹³ Wellpoint,¹⁴ BlueCross BlueShield of Texas,¹⁵ Community Health First Plan,¹⁶ Community Health Choice,¹⁷ Cook Children’s Health Plan,¹⁸ Dell Children’s Health Plan,¹⁹ Driscoll,²⁰ El Paso Health,²¹ FirstCare,²² Molina Healthcare of Texas,²³ Parkland Community Health,²⁴ Scott & White RightCare,²⁵ Superior HealthPlan,²⁶ Texas Children’s,²⁷ and UnitedHealthcare²⁸) link to the Texas Medicaid Vendor Drug Program website and/or provider notices announcing the change.</p>
Additional Restrictions		Texas Medicaid does not appear to impose additional restrictions. ²⁹
Total Deductions	-0	Total Score [100-Deductions]
		100
		Grade
		A+

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