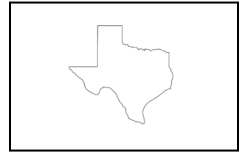


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Texas



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment. Remove prescriber verbal and written attestation requirement. Remove case-by-case assessment for retreatment. Remove additional barriers to treatment as described below.

State Overview

As of February, 2022, 5,306,617 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 202,500 people were living with HCV in Texas.² Most beneficiaries, 96 percent, are enrolled in a MCO; the remaining 4 percent participate in FFS.³ Texas Medicaid contracts with 17 managed care organizations (MCOs): Aetna, Amerigroup, BlueCross BlueShield of Texas (BCBS), Cigna-HealthSpring (Cigna), Community Health First Plans (CHFP), Community Health Choice (CHC), Cook Children’s, Dell Children’s Health Plan, Driscoll, El Paso First Health (El Paso), FirstCare, Molina Healthcare of Texas (Molina), Parkland Community Health (Parkland), Scott & White, Superior HealthPlan (Superior), Texas Children’s, and UnitedHealthcare (UHC). Texas requires all MCOs to apply FFS hepatitis C coverage requirements.⁴

The Texas Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Mavyret, and Vosevi.⁵

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ⁶
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Texas Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷
Substance Use Restrictions	-4	Texas Medicaid imposes substance use restrictions. The prescriber must attest to providing verbal and written educational information to patients about drug and alcohol use. ⁸
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Texas Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ⁹
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Texas Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. Patients requiring retreatment “will be assessed for approval on a case-by-case basis,” and the state makes clear that patient access may be restricted if they are non-adherent. ¹⁰
Access in Managed Care	0	Texas requires all MCOs to apply FFS HCV coverage requirements. ¹¹
Additional Restrictions	-8	Texas Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows. ¹² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All required labs must be collected within 90 days prior to the request for HCV treatment. Documentation of genotype. Patients’ adherence may be monitored during treatment, “at the request of the health plan,” and treatment may be cancelled/withheld if a patient has poor adherence. “Patient’s non-adherence to therapy for more than 14 days may result in discontinuation of prior authorization and additional refills may not be approved.” Prohibits refills for lost or stolen medication.
Total Deductions	-28	Total Score [100-Deductions] 72
		Grade C

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Key Sources

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