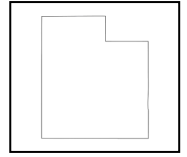


# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Utah



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.</li> <li>Remove the requirement to prescribe by or in consultation with a specialist.</li> <li>Ensure transparency and parity across FFS and MCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

## State Overview

As of February 2022, 448,110 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 12,300 people were living with HCV in Utah.<sup>2</sup> Utah Medicaid operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). [ Most beneficiaries, over 82 percent, are enrolled in an MCO. The remaining beneficiaries participate in FFS.<sup>3</sup> Utah utilizes four MCOs: Steward Health Choice Utah (Health Choice), Health Plans University of Utah (U Health), Molina Healthcare (Molina) and SelectHealth Community Care (SelectHealth).<sup>4</sup>

The Utah Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Mavyret and Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir.<sup>5</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. <sup>6</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Utah Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Utah Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions	-8	Utah Medicaid imposes prescriber restrictions. All prescriptions are required to be made by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, ID specialist or other hepatic specialist. <sup>9</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	0	Utah Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Access in Managed Care	-8	SelectHealth and Molina both impose more stringent requirements than FFS. SelectHealth requires documentation that the patient has chronic HCV, and the provider must assess treatment readiness (adherence). <sup>11</sup> Molina requires the patient to be counselled regarding adherence and substance use, inquires as to the patient's past compliance with medication, and imposes time-based lab requirements. <sup>12</sup> U Health imposes some requirements that are less stringent, and some requirements that are more stringent, than FFS. <sup>13</sup> U Health permits Project ECHO-registered providers to prescribe treatment, and does not require genotype for all regimens (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir). However, it inquires as to the patient's ability to adhere to treatment, including questions about the patient's psychiatric condition.  Health Choice <sup>14</sup> does not appear to publish HCV treatment coverage criteria. <sup>15</sup>
Additional Restrictions	-2	Utah Medicaid imposes/additional restrictions as follows: <sup>16</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of genotype.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b> 26		<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> 74
		<b>Grade</b> <b>C</b>

## Contact Your State Officials

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**Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee**<sup>18</sup>: Email: [medicaidpharmacy@utah.gov](mailto:medicaidpharmacy@utah.gov).

## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Utah Medicaid, Preferred Drug List \(Apr. 2022\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Form:** [Utah Medicaid, Prior Authorization \(Apr. 2022\)](#)

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