

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Indiana

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 40,200<sup>1</sup>



Grade	Summary
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #8B4513;">A+</p>	<p><b>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions:</b> Indiana does not impose liver damage restrictions.</p> <p><b>Sobriety Restrictions:</b> Indiana does not impose sobriety restrictions.</p> <p><b>Prescriber Restrictions:</b> Indiana does not impose prescriber restrictions.</p> <p><b>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to apply FFS requirements across the Medicaid program and maintain transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage.</li> </ul> <p><i>Grade Rationale: Indiana has no liver damage, sobriety, or prescriber restrictions. Additionally, Indiana has streamlined treatment access by not requiring prior authorization for treatment naïve individuals. This innovation has earned the state a “plus” added to it’s a grade.</i></p>

### Background

As of August 2020, there were 1,655,712 individuals enrolled in Indiana’s Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).<sup>2</sup> Indiana Medicaid operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 78 percent, are enrolled in an MCO; the remaining 22 percent are in FFS.<sup>3</sup> Indiana contracts with four MCOs: Anthem, Managed Health Services (MHS), CareSource and MDwise.<sup>4</sup> On September 1, 2016, hepatitis C medications were “carved out” of MCO plans benefits and are reimbursed on a FFS basis.<sup>5</sup> OptumRx, Indiana’s pharmacy benefit manager, now reviews and processes all prior authorization (PA) requests for hepatitis C treatment.<sup>6</sup> Hepatitis C coverage requirements are thus determined by the FFS program for all beneficiaries.

### State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Indiana has removed its harshest treatment access restrictions due to litigation by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana on behalf of all state Medicaid recipients living with HCV. The state settled with the ACLU in February of 2019, agreeing to remove liver damage restrictions effective July 1, 2019.<sup>7</sup> The current treatment criteria no longer requires a minimum fibrosis score.<sup>8</sup> Additionally, the FFS criteria does not impose any sobriety-related or prescriber restrictions.<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, for treatment-naïve individuals, Indiana only verifies the patient’s age and weight (using administrative data) to verify appropriate dosing, and does not require submission of a prior authorization unless the patient is seeking either retreatment or treatment using the state’s non-preferred regimens.

Indiana’s preferred drug list includes Eplclusa, Mavyret, and Zepatier as preferred regimens, and Daklinza, Harvoni, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, Sovaldi, Viekira, and Vosevi as non-preferred regimens.<sup>10</sup>

### Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Indiana does not impose liver damage restrictions.

### Sobriety Restrictions

Indiana does not impose sobriety restrictions.

### Prescriber Restrictions

Indiana does not impose prescriber restrictions.

### Points of Contact for Questions & Concerns about Indiana’s State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Access

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<sup>1</sup> HepVu, Indiana State Profile: <https://hepvu.org/state/indiana/>

<sup>2</sup> Medicaid and CHIP in Indiana, By-State, Medicaid.gov: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=indiana>

<sup>3</sup> Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, Medicaid Managed Care State Level Data, State Health Facts, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, July 1, 2016 (Access June 2017):

<http://kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/share-of-medicaid-population-covered-under-different-delivery-systems/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>

<sup>4</sup> Indiana Medicaid for Providers, Indiana Family & Social Services: <https://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2470.htm>

<sup>5</sup> Hepatitis C Drugs “Carved Out” of Managed Care, Indiana Health Coverage Program (IHCP) Bulletin, August 2, 2016: <http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Bulletins/BT201644.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Hepatitis C Drugs “Carved Out” of Managed Care, Indiana Health Coverage Program (IHCP) Bulletin, August 2, 2016: <http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Bulletins/BT201644.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> ACLU Lawsuit Agreement Ends Unlawful Hepatitis C Treatment Restrictions, ACLU of Indiana: <https://www.aclu-in.org/en/press-releases/aclu-lawsuit-agreement-ends-unlawful-hepatitis-c-treatment-restrictions>.

<sup>8</sup> Criteria for Indiana Medicaid Hepatitis C Agents, OptumRx: [https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101\\_Public-Facing\\_Hepatitis\\_C\\_PA.pdf](https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101_Public-Facing_Hepatitis_C_PA.pdf). See also Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Pharmacy

Benefit Hepatitis C Agents Prior Authorization Request Form, OptumRx: [https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20201001\\_Hepatitis\\_C\\_Form.pdf](https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20201001_Hepatitis_C_Form.pdf); Pharmacy Prior Authorization Criteria, Indiana Health

Coverage Programs: <https://inm-providerportal.optum.com/providerportal/faces/PreLogin.jsp>; Indiana Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL): [https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101\\_INM\\_PDL.pdf](https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101_INM_PDL.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> Criteria for Indiana Medicaid Hepatitis C Agents, OptumRx: [https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101\\_Public-Facing\\_Hepatitis\\_C\\_PA.pdf](https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101_Public-Facing_Hepatitis_C_PA.pdf). See also Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Pharmacy

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<sup>10</sup> Indiana Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL): [https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101\\_INM\\_PDL.pdf](https://prdgov-rxadmin.optum.com/rxadmin/INM/20210101_INM_PDL.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> Office of Medicaid Policy & Planning, FSSA Organizational Directory: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/3441.htm>.