

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Michigan

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 115,000¹



Grade	Summary
<h1>A+</h1>	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Michigan does not impose liver damage restrictions.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: Michigan does not impose sobriety restrictions.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: Michigan does not impose prescriber restrictions.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand awareness among providers about the ability to treat without prior authorization. Maintain transparency regarding coverage criteria and parity across the Medicaid program. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Michigan has taken significant steps to open access to hepatitis C treatment. The state imposes no restrictions on treatment, and allows providers to prescribe the preferred agent without first obtaining a prior authorization.</i></p>

Background

As of November 2020, Michigan had 2,598,457 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program.² Michigan Medicaid operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). Most beneficiaries, 77 percent, are enrolled in a MCO; the remaining 23 percent participate in FFS.³ Michigan Medicaid contracts with over a dozen MCOs.⁴ However, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) carved out hepatitis C medications from MCO contracts.⁵ All FFS coverage requirements apply across the entire Medicaid program.

State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Due to settlement of a lawsuit filed by Dickinson Wright on behalf of individuals denied treatment, Michigan has expanded access to hepatitis C treatment.⁶ Effective October 1, 2018, Michigan reduced its liver damage requirement from moderate (F2 or above) to minor (F1 or above), and further expanded access to all individuals without regard to liver damage beginning October 1, 2019.⁷ Most recently, in conjunction with the state’s launch of its “We Treat Hep C” campaign, effective April 1, 2021, Mavyret, the state’s preferred agent, is now available without the need to first obtain a prior authorization.⁸ Other covered agents, including Epclusa, Harvoni, Sovaldi, Vosevi, Zepatier, lepidasvir/sofosbuvir, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir require prior authorization with documentation explaining why Mavyret cannot be used.⁹ This policy change included removing the previous specialist prescriber consultation; all providers in Michigan’s program can prescribe treatment.¹⁰

Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

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Sobriety Restrictions

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Prescriber Restrictions

Michigan Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions.

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¹ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services launches We Treat Hep C Campaign aimed at providing timely screening and treatment of Hepatitis C, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_71692_71696-556111--00.html

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

³ Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, Medicaid Managed Care Tracker, Henry, J. Kaiser Family Foundation: <http://www.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>

⁴ Health Plan Enrollment, Medicaid, Assistance Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) (Accessed September 2017): http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4860-15064--00.html; See also: Medicaid and Health Michigan Enrollees, MDHHS, August 2017 (Accessed September 2017): http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/JE02082017_599589_7.pdf; See also: Michigan Department of Community Health Medicaid Health Plan (MHP), Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), Community Mental Health Service Provider (CMHSP) Contact Numbers (Accessed September 2017): http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/L-07-27-Attachment_I_214453_7.pdf; Medicaid Health Plans, Health Care Providers, Doing Business with MDHHS, MDHHS (Accessed September 2017): http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42544_42644-150910--00.html

⁵ MDHHS Health Plan Pharmacy Programs Carve-Out, Submitted to Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc Point-of-Sale, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: https://michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/external/medicaid/mi/doc/en-us/MIRx_medicaid_health_plan_carveout.pdf. See also MDHHS Health Plan Pharmacy Programs Carve-Out, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: https://michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/external/medicaid/mi/doc/en-us/MIRx_medicaid_health_plan_carveout.pdf.

⁶ Hepatitis C Lawsuit, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, available at https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_7701_86687---00.html.

⁷ *M.R. v. Lyon*, No. 17-11184, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 148911 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 31, 2018). A copy of the class action settlement can be found online at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/MR_Hep_C_Updated_Signed_Full_Agmt_Redacted_5-2018_624742_7.pdf.

⁸ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services launches We Treat Hep C Campaign aimed at providing timely screening and treatment of Hepatitis C, Michigan DHHS: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_71692_71696-556111--00.html. See also Removal of Prior Authorization for Hepatitis C Treatment, Michigan DHHS: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/L_21-21_721460_7.pdf.

⁹ Removal of Prior Authorization for Hepatitis C Treatment, Michigan DHHS: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/L_21-21_721460_7.pdf. See also Michigan Medicaid Clinical and PDL Criteria, Michigan DHHS: https://michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/external/medicaid/mi/doc/en-us/MIRx_clinical_criteria.pdf; Michigan Preferred Drug List (PDL)/Single PDL, Michigan DHHS: https://michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/external/medicaid/mi/doc/en-us/MIRx_PDL.pdf.

¹⁰ Removal of Prior Authorization for Hepatitis C Treatment, Michigan DHHS: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/L_21-21_721460_7.pdf.

¹¹ Michigan, Medicaid Directors, National Association of Medicaid Directors: <http://medicaiddirectors.org/about/medicaid-directors/>; See also: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71719-368027--00.html>

¹² P & T Committee Meeting Comment Period Request to Provide Comment Notice Requirements: https://michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/external/medicaid/mi/doc/en-us/MIRx_PTC_public_comments.pdf