

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Oregon

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 90,500¹



Grade	Summary
<h1>A-</h1>	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Fee-For-Service (FFS) and most MCOs do not impose liver damage restrictions. Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Columbia Pacific CCO, Health Share, InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions CCO, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance follow the FFS criteria. Cascade Health Alliance, Eastern Oregon CCO, PrimaryHealth, and Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: FFS and most MCOs do not impose sobriety restrictions. Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Columbia Pacific CCO, Health Share, InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions CCO, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance follows the FFS criteria. Cascade Health Alliance, Eastern Oregon CCO, PrimaryHealth, and Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: FFS does not impose prescriber restrictions except for patients with cirrhosis (F4), for which a specialist must be consulted. Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Columbia Pacific CCO, Health Share, PacificSource Community Solutions CCO, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance follows the FFS criteria. InterCommunity Health Network CCO and Jackson Care Connect require a specialist to consult. Cascade Health Alliance, Eastern Oregon CCO, PrimaryHealth, and Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure parity across FFS and MCO programs and transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Oregon FFS and MCOs have mostly eliminated restrictions in all categories. With these restrictions lifted, most individuals should have access to hepatitis C treatment. However, some MCOs are not transparent in their coverage requirements and two MCOs have more stringent prescriber restrictions than FFS, thus a minus was added to the state's A grade.</i></p>

Background

As of April 2019, Oregon had 982,927 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program.² Oregon Medicaid, known as the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and contracts with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), referred as Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs).³ Most beneficiaries, 93 percent, are enrolled in a CCO; the remaining 7 percent participate in FFS.⁴ OHP administers several health care programs that serve specific populations: *OHP Plus* for children ages 0-18 and adults ages 19-64 and *OHP Plus Supplemental* for pregnant adults age 21 or older.⁵ The state is divided into geographic service areas that are served by 13 CCOs including: Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Cascade Health Alliance, Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon, InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions CCO, Primary Health, Trillium Community Health Plan, Umpqua Health Alliance, and Yamhill Community Care.⁶

State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Oregon Medicaid FFS has made improvements in opening access by eliminating restrictions in most categories. Oregon FFS no longer imposes any liver damage restrictions and allows individuals with all stages of hepatitis C to access treatment.⁷ Similarly, Oregon FFS no longer imposes any sobriety restrictions and the prior authorization criteria does not mention drug and/or alcohol use.⁸ For most patients, Oregon FFS does not impose any prescriber restrictions. However, for individuals with cirrhosis (F4), a specialist must prescribe or consult.⁹ The FFS Preferred Drug List (PDL) identifies Epclusa (brand and generic), Mavyret, Vosevi, Zepatier as the preferred agents and Daklinza, Harvoni (brand and generic), Sovaldi, and Viekira Pak as non-preferred.¹⁰

Most CCOs impose the same hepatitis C coverage criteria as FFS. However, transparency is lacking as four MCOs do not provide their coverage requirements publicly.

Advanced Health follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹¹

AllCare CCO follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹²

Columbia Pacific CCO follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹³

Health Share follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹⁴

InterCommunity Health Network CCO does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe.¹⁵

Jackson Care Connect does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe.¹⁶

PacificSource Community Solutions CCO follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹⁷

Trillium Community Health Plan follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹⁸

Umpqua Health Alliance follows the FFS criteria and does not impose liver damage or sobriety restrictions, but requires a specialist to prescribe or consult if the patient has cirrhosis (F4).¹⁹

Cascade Health Alliance, Eastern Oregon CCO, PrimaryHealth, and Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.

Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Fee-For-Service (FFS) does not impose liver damage restrictions. Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Columbia Pacific CCO, Health Share, InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions CCO, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance follow the FFS criteria. Cascade Health Alliance, Eastern Oregon CCO, PrimaryHealth, and Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.

Sobriety Restrictions

FFS does not impose sobriety restrictions. Advanced Health, AllCare CCO, Columbia Pacific CCO, Health Share, InterCommunity Health Network CCO, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions CCO, Trillium Community Health Plan, and Umpqua Health Alliance follow the FFS criteria. Cascade Health Alliance, Eastern Oregon CCO, PrimaryHealth, and Yamhill Community Care do not provide hepatitis C coverage requirements publicly.

Prescriber Restrictions

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¹ Oregon, State Profile, HepVu: <https://hepvu.org/state/oregon/>

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

³ The Oregon Health Plan, About the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon.gov: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/About-Us.aspx>; See also: Apply for Coverage, Apply for OHP, Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon.gov: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Apply.aspx>.

⁴ Share of Medicaid Population Covered Under Different Delivery Systems, Medicaid Market 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>

⁵ Oregon Health Programs, Apply for Coverage, Apply for OHP, Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon.gov: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Apply.aspx>; See also: The Oregon Health Plan, About the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon.gov.

⁶ Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO), Oregon Health Authority: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Coordinated-Care-Organizations.aspx>. Note that Willamette will discontinue service in 2020 and is thus excluded from this report.

⁷ Oregon Medicaid FFS Drug Class List: Hepatitis C, Direct Acting Antivirals, Oregon Health Authority: <https://www.orpd.org/drugs/drugclass.php?cid=1140>. Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antivirals Prior Authorization, Oregon Health Authority: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/Oregon%20Medicaid%20PA%20Criteria%2C%20July%201%2C%202019.pdf>.

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¹¹ Direct Acting Antivirals for Treatment of Hepatitis C Drug Use Criteria, Advanced Health: http://advancedhealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DirectActingAntiviralsHepC_DrugUseCriteria_FINAL_2.18.19.pdf.

¹² Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antivirals (Effective March 1, 2019), AllCare Health: <https://www.allcarehealth.com/media/2621/umccomed0801-oha-hcv-daa-web.pdf>.

¹³ Medicaid Prior Authorization Criteria Last Revised 6/2019, CareOregon/Columbia Pacific: <https://www.careoregon.org/docs/default-source/providers/forms-and-policies/pharmacy/careoregon-ohp-prior-auth-use-criteria.pdf>. See also Drug List (Formulary), Columbia Pacific CCO: <http://www.colpachealth.org/for-providers/drug-list>.

¹⁴ Pharmacies + Prescriptions, Health Share: <https://www.healthshareoregon.org/members/my-health-plan/prescriptions>. See also Hepatitis C Therapy, CareOregon: https://www.careoregon.org/docs/default-source/providers/forms-and-policies/pharmacy/hepc_pa_form_ohp_only_12-27-18-rm.pdf?sfvrsn=e2967101_2; Medicaid Prior Authorization Criteria Last Revised 6/2019, CareOregon/Columbia Pacific: <https://www.careoregon.org/docs/default-source/providers/forms-and-policies/pharmacy/careoregon-ohp-prior-auth-use-criteria.pdf>.

¹⁵ Your Prescription Drug Benefits, InterCommunity Health Network: <https://www.ihntogether.org/your-benefits/prescription-drugs>. See also Therapeutic Class Search: Hepatitis C Agent – Combinations, InterCommunity Health Network: https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteCode=9624425849&targetScreen=3&drugBrandListBaseTC=*antivirals*%257c*hepatitis%2Bagents**%2B-%2B*hepatitis%2Bc%2Bagent%2B-%2Bcombinations***.

¹⁶ Policies and Forms, Jackson Care Connect: <http://jacksoncareconnect.org/for-providers/policies-and-forms>. See also Drug List (Formulary), Jackson Care Connect: <http://jacksoncareconnect.org/for-providers/drug-list>.

¹⁷ 2019 Medicaid Preapproval Criteria, PacificSource Community Solutions: <https://communitysolutions.pacificsource.com/Base/DocumentContent/KGfRrOaCz89haQmmAKKPlwoUJEP2adMphaBCU9E4T8soVe9ECGjuTBm1jZi-u66/Medicaid%20Preapproval%20Criteria>.

¹⁸ Policy: Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Antivirals, Trillium Community Health Plan: https://www.trilliumohp.com/content/dam/centene/trillium/policies/pharmacy-policies/TCHP.PHAR.1801_HepatitisC_Direct-ActingAntivirals.pdf. See also Policies and Criteria, Trillium Community Health Plan: <https://www.trilliumohp.com/providers/helpful-links/clinical-payment-policies.html>.

¹⁹ Provider Newsletter February 2019, Umpqua Health Alliance: <https://www.umpquahealth.com/provider-newsletter-february-2019/>. See also Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Form, Umpqua Health Alliance: <https://www.umpquahealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/hepatitis-pa-fillable.20181107.pdf>.

²⁰ Oregon, Medicaid Directors, National Association of Medicaid Directors (Accessed February 2018): <http://medicaiddirectors.org/about/medicaid-directors/>; See also: Leadership Team, Contact HPA, Health and Policy Analytics, Oregon Health Authority (Accessed February 2018): <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx>

²¹ About the Committee, Oregon Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, Drug Use Research & Management, Oregon State University (Accessed February 2018): <http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug-policy/oregon-pharmacy-therapeutics-committee/about-committee>