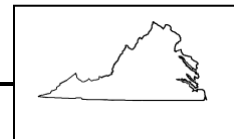


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Virginia

Estimated Number of Individuals Living with Hepatitis C: 39,900¹



Grade	Summary
A	<p>Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions: Fee-For Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) do not have liver damage restrictions.</p> <p>Sobriety Restrictions: FFS and MCOs do not have sobriety restrictions.</p> <p>Prescriber Restrictions: FFS and MCOs do not have prescriber restrictions for the preferred drugs, Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir. FFS and MCOs do require that a specialist (gastroenterologist, hepatologist, transplant specialist, or infectious disease specialist) prescribe a non-preferred medication.</p> <p>Recommendations to Improve Patient Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow primary care providers to prescribe non-preferred regimens.• Require continued parity between FFS and MCOs and maintain transparency regarding hepatitis C coverage criteria.• Consider waiving prior authorization for treatment-naïve patients. <p><i>Grade Rationale: Virginia has no treatment restrictions on preferred regimens. Virginia could improve its grade by waiving prior authorization for treatment-naïve patients and allowing primary care providers to prescribe non-preferred regimens.</i></p>

Background

As of September 2020, Virginia Medicaid had 1,558,184 individuals enrolled in its Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).² 98 percent of beneficiaries are enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO) plan.³ The remaining 2 percent of enrollees participate in the Fee-For-Service (FFS) program.⁴ Virginia Medicaid Managed Care began in 1996 and is currently known as Medallion 4.0.⁵ Medallion 4.0 contracts with 6 different local and national for-profit and not-for profit insurers including: Aetna Better Health (Aetna), Anthem HealthKeepers Plus (Anthem), Magellan Complete Care (Magellan), Optima Health (Optima), UnitedHealth Care Community Plan (United), and Virginia Premier (Premier).⁶ The state is divided into seven different MCO regions and the plans offered vary in each region.⁷ The FFS program is administered by Magellan Medicaid Administration.⁸ Virginia mandates that MCOs provide the same coverage criteria as FFS.

State of Medicaid Hepatitis C Treatment Access

Virginia has made strides to increase access to hepatitis C treatment. All liver damage and sobriety requirements have been removed. Virginia has also expanded access by requiring MCOs to provide the same coverage requirements as FFS.⁹

The six MCOs and FFS list identical criteria for hepatitis C treatment. There are no liver damage or sobriety restrictions. Preferred drugs, which include Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, do not require a prescription from a specialist. All other non-preferred drugs must be prescribed by a specialty physician, such as a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, transplant specialist, or infectious disease specialist.¹⁰

Liver Damage (Fibrosis) Restrictions

Virginia FFS and the six MCOs do not have any liver damage requirements. It requests a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C.

Sobriety Restrictions

Virginia FFS and the six MCOs do not have any sobriety requirements.

Virginia FFS and the 6 MCOs do not require a prescription from a specialist for the preferred drugs: Mavyret or sofosbuvir/velpatasvir. All other hepatitis C Antivirals require a prescription from a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, transplant specialist, or infectious disease specialist.¹¹

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