

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Alabama



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.</li><li>Remove retreatment restriction.</li><li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li></ul>

### State Overview

As of August 2025, 938,822 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Alabama has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2016, 30,700 people were living with HCV in Alabama.<sup>2</sup> Alabama does not contract with any managed care organizations (MCOs).<sup>3</sup>

Alabama Medicaid imposes a general restriction on the total number of prescriptions it will cover per enrollee: “In most cases, adults are limited to five drugs per month, four of which may be brand name drugs. Three-month maintenance supply drugs do not count towards the prescription limit.”<sup>4</sup>

The Alabama Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Harvoni, Mavyret, Zepatier, and “all covered generics” (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, glecaprevir/pibrentasvir, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, elbasvir-grazoprevir).<sup>5</sup>

Deductions		Policy	
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) HCV treatment regimens. <sup>6</sup> Although HCV treatments are included on the preferred drug list, they are only considered “preferred with clinical criteria in place,” indicating that patients must meet certain clinical criteria for approval – equivalent to prior authorization.	
Fibrosis Restrictions		Alabama Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>	
Substance Use Restrictions		Alabama Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>	
Prescriber Restrictions		Alabama Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>9</sup>	
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Alabama Medicaid imposes retreatment restrictions. Alabama Medicaid only provides one course of treatment per lifetime. <sup>10</sup>	
Access in Managed Care		Alabama Medicaid does not contract with MCOs. <sup>11</sup>	
Additional Restrictions	-2	Alabama Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Documentation of adherence counseling, and requirement to monitor adherence via RNA testing during treatment. Patients are required to sign a contract stating: “I understand that Medicaid will pay for only one course of medicine. If I do not take my medicine as prescribed, I will not be approved for another course of therapy.”<sup>12</sup></li></ul>	
Total Deductions -18		Total Score [100-Deductions] 82	Grade B

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Alabama Medicaid, Preferred Drug List \(Oct. 1, 2025\)](#).

**Prior Authorization Form:** [Alabama Medicaid, Hepatitis C Antiviral Agents PA Request Form \(Oct. 1, 2024\)](#).

**Clinical Criteria:** [Alabama Medicaid, Hepatitis C Antiviral Agents Criteria Instructions \(2024\)](#).

**Patient Consent Form:** [Alabama Medicaid, Pharmacy Patient Consent Form: Hepatitis C Agents \(Oct. 1, 2022\)](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Alabama, <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/stateprofile.html?state=alabama>.

<sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Alabama State Profile, <https://perma.cc/AT4B-JDX9>.

<sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 2022), <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>.

<sup>4</sup> Alabama Medicaid, Pharmacy Prescription Limit, <https://perma.cc/E28U-U9WN>.

<sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List.

<sup>6</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>7</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>8</sup> Alabama Medicaid, Provider Alerts: Changes to Hepatitis C Prior Authorization Criteria (Sept. 27, 2022), <https://perma.cc/9F6D-FBEW>.

<sup>9</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>10</sup> Prior Authorization Form.

<sup>11</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, Share of Medicaid Population Covered under Different Delivery Systems (Jul. 2022), <https://perma.cc/EMN8-QR8B>. See also: Alabama Medicaid: Integrated Care Network, <https://perma.cc/2A5C-VJHP>

<sup>12</sup> Patient Consent Form.

<sup>13</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/DTR5-77DD>.

<sup>14</sup> Alabama Medicaid Agency Organizational Chart, <https://perma.cc/32HB-VGKD>.