

Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

District of Columbia



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all MCOs remove prior authorization for preferred treatments. Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of June 2025, 257,586 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ As of 2016, an estimated 12,700 people were living with HCV in the District of Columbia.² As of July 1, 2022, 88% of District of Columbia Medicaid beneficiaries were enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO), with the other 12% enrolled in FFS.³ The District of Columbia contracts with four Medicaid MCOs: MedStar Family Choice, AmeriHealth Caritas DC, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, and Wellpoint District of Columbia.⁴

The District of Columbia Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi as preferred regimens.⁵

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Effective September 1, 2022, prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. ⁶
Fibrosis Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁷
Substance Use Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not appear to impose substance use restrictions. ⁸
Prescriber Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ⁹
Retreatment Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions, and notes that “retreatment shall be in accordance with current American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Hepatitis C treatment guidelines.” ¹⁰
Access in Managed Care	-8	Three MCOs (AmeriHealth Caritas DC, ¹¹ Medstar Family Choice ¹² , and Wellpoint ¹³) impose the same requirements as FFS. Health Services for Children ¹⁴ requires prior authorization for preferred regimens.
Additional Restrictions		DC Medicaid does not appear to impose additional restrictions for preferred regimens. ¹⁵
Total Deductions	-8	Total Score [100-Deductions]
		92
		Grade
		A

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Key Sources

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