

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Florida



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove restrictions on retreatment.</li> <li>Remove additional restrictions as described below.</li> </ul>

### State Overview

As of June 2025, 3,695,066 individuals in Florida were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Florida has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.<sup>1</sup> As of 2016, an estimated 151,000 people were living with HCV in Florida.<sup>2</sup> As of May 1, 2022, approximately 72% of Florida Medicaid beneficiaries were enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO), with the other 28% enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS).<sup>3</sup> Florida Medicaid contracts with 8 MCOs: Aetna Better Health, Community Care Plan, Florida Community Care, Humana, Molina HealthCare, Simply Healthcare, Sunshine Health, and UnitedHealthcare.<sup>4</sup> Florida Medicaid requires MCOs to use the same PDL as FFS.<sup>5</sup>

The Florida Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi as preferred regimens.<sup>6</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		<p>As of March 2023, Florida Medicaid has effectively removed prior authorization for Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir by implementing a pharmacy claims process called “Automated Prior Authorization,” or “Auto PA,” for treatment-naïve patients.</p> <p>Auto PA uses “system automated criteria [to] check for specific requirements. (e.g., diagnosis, age, previous therapies, etc.).”<sup>7</sup> The Auto PA criteria for Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir are: a hepatitis C diagnosis within the last year; patient must be at least 3 years old; and certain quantity limits apply.<sup>8</sup></p> <p>According to AHCA’s description of the Auto PA process, “If all requirements are found, the claims will pay at the pharmacy counter without need of manual prior authorization submission.”<sup>9</sup></p>
Fibrosis Restrictions		Florida Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		Florida Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions for treatment-naïve patients. <sup>11</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions		Florida Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>12</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	<p>Florida Medicaid imposes substance use and adherence-based restrictions on patients who seek retreatment. For patients seeking retreatment due to being “non-adherent to previous therapy,” Florida Medicaid requires:<sup>13</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of substance abuse related failure if applicable</li> <li>Attestation to patient education</li> <li>Patient commitment to adherence to current treatment regimen</li> </ul>
Access in Managed Care		<p>All MCOs appear to impose the same or equivalent requirements as FFS.</p> <p>Aetna Better Health<sup>14</sup>, Community Care Plan,<sup>15</sup> Florida Community Care,<sup>16</sup> Molina HealthCare,<sup>17</sup> Simply Healthcare,<sup>18</sup> Sunshine Health,<sup>19</sup> UnitedHealthcare<sup>20</sup>, and Humana<sup>21</sup> appear to impose the same requirements as FFS, and link to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Preferred Drug List, and/or the AHCA criteria.</p>
Additional Restrictions	-2	<p>Florida Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows (including for patients who qualify for Auto PA<sup>22</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits refills for lost or stolen medications.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> <b>90</b>
		<b>Grade</b> <b>A</b>

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Agency for Health Care Administration \(AHCA\), Florida Medicaid Preferred Drug list \(July 1, 2025\)](#)

**Auto-PA:** [AHCA Automated Prior Authorizations and Bypass Lists \(June 2025\)](#)

**Clinical Criteria:** [AHCA, Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antivirals \(DAA\), Prior Authorization Criteria \(Nov. 5, 2025\)](#)

**Prior Authorization Form for Retreatment:** [AHCA, Florida Medicaid Prior Authorization: Hepatitis C Agents \(Jan 3, 2025\)](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Florida, <https://perma.cc/9Z3F-SBGH>.

<sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Florida, <https://perma.cc/GMK8-P6PQ>.

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

<sup>4</sup> AHCA Florida, SMMC Plan Contact: Provider Networks (Jan. 28, 2025), <https://perma.cc/QLF8-FYD3>.

<sup>5</sup> CMS, National Medicaid Fee-For-Service Drug Utilization Review, FFY 2023 Annual Report at 203, <https://perma.cc/FRZ7-RFZW>.

<sup>6</sup> Clinical Criteria; see also Preferred Drug List.

<sup>7</sup> Preferred Drug List (describing Auto PA process, and listing Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as requiring only Auto PA); Clinical Criteria.

<sup>8</sup> AHCA Automated Prior Authorizations and Bypass Lists.

<sup>9</sup> Preferred Drug List (describing Auto PA process, and listing Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as requiring only Auto PA); Clinical Criteria.

<sup>10</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>11</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>12</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>13</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>14</sup> Aetna Better Health of Florida, Pharmacy Prior Authorization, <https://perma.cc/XZX3-JFAL>.

<sup>15</sup> Community Care Plan, Provider for MMA – Pharmacy, <https://perma.cc/MC5A-4A4>.

<sup>16</sup> Florida Community Care, Pharmacy Resources, <https://perma.cc/8W6D-7PVH>.

<sup>17</sup> Molina Healthcare, Drug Formulary: Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Preferred Drug List (PDL), <https://perma.cc/Q4UX-5DQ6>.

<sup>18</sup> Simply Healthcare, Pharmacy and Prescription Drugs: Florida Medicaid Members, <https://perma.cc/ETF9-E9KU>.

<sup>19</sup> Sunshine Health, Medicaid: Pharmacy, <https://perma.cc/8VEW-4JLQ>.

<sup>20</sup> UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid Lookup Tools, <https://perma.cc/5K35-8S4B>.

<sup>21</sup> Humana Health Horizons in Florida, Pharmacy resources, <https://perma.cc/29BF-BBGK>.

<sup>22</sup> Clinical Criteria.

<sup>23</sup> Medicaid Director, National Association of Medicaid Directors, <https://perma.cc/5UUB-R8BA>.

<sup>24</sup> AHCA, Florida Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, <https://perma.cc/SGF9-KF85>; see also Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board Florida AHCA Meeting Agenda, <https://perma.cc/83RV-QWUR>.