

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

## Illinois



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remove prescriber continuing medical education requirement.</li><li>Continue to ensure transparency and parity across FFS and MCOs regarding HCV coverage criteria.</li></ul>

### State Overview

As of June 2025, 3,104,051 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> As of 2016, an estimated 54,900 people were living with HCV in Illinois.<sup>2</sup> As of July 2022, 80.4% of Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO), with the other 19.7% enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS).<sup>3</sup> Illinois contracts with five MCOs as part of the HealthChoice Illinois managed care program, for non-dual eligible beneficiaries: Aetna Better Health, Blue Cross Community Health Plans, CountyCare Health Plan, Meridian Health Plan, and Molina.<sup>4</sup> CountyCare is only available in Cook County.

The Illinois Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) lists Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred drugs.<sup>5</sup>

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		As of July 1, 2023, prior authorization is not required for preferred hepatitis C treatment regimens. <sup>6</sup>
Fibrosis Restrictions		Illinois Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>
Substance Use Restrictions		Illinois Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>
Prescriber Restrictions	-8	Illinois Medicaid requires prescribers "to get at least one hour of continuing medical education (CME) that is focused on diagnosis, appropriate management, and recommended follow-up of patients with Hepatitis C and approved or accredited by an organization such as: the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) or its state designee; a specialty society accredited to provide CME; an accredited medical school; or a university affiliated hospital...Prescribing practitioners must provide proof of training to HFS once the attestation process is established." <sup>9</sup>
Retreatment Restrictions		Illinois Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>10</sup>
Access in Managed Care		Consistent with Illinois Medicaid's requirement that MCOs follow the same HCV policy as FFS, <sup>11</sup> Aetna <sup>12</sup> , Blue Cross <sup>13</sup> , CountyCare <sup>14</sup> , Meridian <sup>15</sup> , and Molina <sup>16</sup> impose the same requirements as FFS.
Additional Restrictions		Illinois Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. <sup>17</sup>
<b>Total Deductions</b> -8		<b>Total Score [100-Deductions]</b> 92
		<b>Grade</b> A

### Contact Your State Officials

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## Key Sources

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**Preferred Drug List:** [Illinois HFS, Medicaid Preferred Drug List \(Oct. 24, 2025\)](#)

**Provider Notice:** [Illinois HFS, Provider Notice: Hepatitis C Drug Prior Authorization Removal Effective July 1, 2023 \(06/02/2023\)](#)

*Note: Following the removal of prior authorization, Illinois Medicaid no longer publishes clinical criteria or prior authorization forms. The 2023 continuing education requirement is still in effect. The 2023 provider notice was the last provider notice issued specific to Hepatitis C.*

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid & CHIP in Illinois, <https://perma.cc/4TJF-NU9L>.

<sup>2</sup> HepVu, Local Data: Illinois, <https://perma.cc/Y9LA-JTKT>.

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

<sup>4</sup> HealthChoice Illinois, Illinois Plan Report Card, <https://enrollhfs.illinois.gov/en/healthchoice-illinois>.

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

<sup>6</sup> See Preferred Drug List and Provider Notice above.

<sup>7</sup> Provider Notice.

<sup>8</sup> Provider Notice.

<sup>9</sup> Provider Notice.

<sup>10</sup> Provider Notice.

<sup>11</sup> Provider Notice.

<sup>12</sup> Aetna Better Health, Preferred Drug List (2025), <https://perma.cc/CK74-PKFN>.

<sup>13</sup> BCBS Illinois, Preferred Drug List (2025), <https://perma.cc/S7SR-YVQL>.

<sup>14</sup> CountyCare, Provider Notice (2025), <https://perma.cc/Q5GY-FEV8>.

<sup>15</sup> Illinois Meridian, Preferred Drug List (2024), <https://perma.cc/YN9N-Y9J8>.

<sup>16</sup> Molina, Preferred Drug List (2023), <https://perma.cc/7F3T-VUKW>.

<sup>17</sup> Provider Notice.

<sup>18</sup> Medicaid Directors, National Association of Medicaid Directors, <https://medicaiddirectors.org/who-we-are/medicaid-directors/>.

<sup>19</sup> Illinois HFS, Drugs and Therapeutics Advisory Board Agenda Request, <https://perma.cc/XE88-YLP8>.