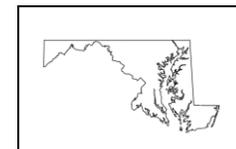


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Maryland



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

State Overview

As of August 2025, 1,413,841 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ Maryland expanded coverage to low-income adults. It is estimated that as of 2016, 40,600 people were living with HCV in Maryland.² Maryland's Medicaid program operates a Fee-For-Service (FFS) program and a managed care program, HealthChoice.³ Most beneficiaries (90%) are enrolled in HealthChoice, and the remaining 10% participate in FFS.⁴ HealthChoice contracts with nine managed care organizations (MCOs) including Aetna Better Health, Wellpoint Maryland (formerly Amerigroup Community Care), CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield Community Health Plan Maryland, Jai Medical Systems, Kaiser Permanente, Maryland Physicians Care, MedStar Family Choice, Priority Partners, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.⁵

The Maryland Medicaid Preferred Drug List lists Mavyret, sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and Vosevi as preferred regimens.⁶

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. ⁷
Fibrosis Restrictions	0	Maryland Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁸
Substance Use Restrictions	0	Maryland Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁹
Prescriber Restrictions	0	Maryland Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. ¹⁰
Retreatment Restrictions	-8	Maryland Medicaid appears to impose retreatment restrictions based on a patient's ability to adhere to medication. ¹¹ A sample "Hepatitis C Enhanced Management Plan" available on the website requires patients to attest the following: "The treatment plan has been discussed with the patient and the patient agrees to abide by it. The patient is aware that if this plan is not followed, <i>it may result in cessation of Medicaid payment for current and future hepatitis C treatments.</i> " ¹²
Access in Managed Care	0	Aetna, ¹³ Wellpoint Maryland, ¹⁴ CareFirst, ¹⁵ Jai Medical Systems, ¹⁶ Kaiser, ¹⁷ Maryland Physicians Care, ¹⁸ MedStar Family Choice, ¹⁹ Priority Partners, ²⁰ and United Healthcare ²¹ impose the same requirements as FFS.
Additional Restrictions	-6	Maryland Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows ²² : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCV RNA must be collected within 180 days of prior authorization (unless cirrhotic, then within 90 days). Documentation of chronic HCV infection. Documentation of HCV genotype.
Total Deductions	-22	Total Score [100-Deductions] 78
		Grade C

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Key Sources

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