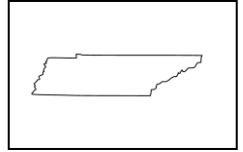


Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Tennessee



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

State Overview

As of June 2025, 1,430,912 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. Tennessee has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.¹ It is estimated that as of 2016, 69,100 people were living with HCV in Tennessee.² Tennessee Medicaid contracts with three managed care organizations (MCOs): BlueCare, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, and Wellpoint (formerly Amerigroup).³

The Tennessee Medicaid Preferred Drug List includes Epclusa, Mavyret, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir, and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir.⁴

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization	-8	Prior authorization is required for all Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) HCV treatment regimens. ⁵
Fibrosis Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. ⁶
Substance Use Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. ⁷
Prescriber Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for most patients. If patients have “a history of HIV, HBC co-infection, prior history with direct acting hepatitis C antivirals, or decompensated cirrhosis” authorization must be requested “by or in consultation with a physician specialist with experience in the treatment of hepatitis C infection (e.g., Hepatology, Infectious Disease or Gastroenterology).” ⁸
Retreatment Restrictions		Tennessee Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. ⁹
Access in Managed Care		Tennessee excludes Medicaid pharmacy benefits from MCO contracts, thus all MCOs follow TennCare requirements. ¹⁰
Additional Restrictions	-4	Tennessee Medicaid imposes additional restrictions as follows ¹¹ : <ul style="list-style-type: none">Documentation of chronic HCV infection.Documentation of genotype.
Total Deductions -12		Total Score [100-Deductions] 88
		Grade B

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: [TennCare, Preferred Drug List \(July 2025\)](#)

Clinical Criteria: [TennCare, Clinical Criteria, Step Therapy, and Quantity Limits for TennCare Preferred Drug List \(PDL\) \(July 2025\)\)](#)

Prior Authorization Forms: [TennCare, Epclusa Prior Authorization Form \(Aug. 2024\)](#) and [TennCare, Mavyret Prior Authorization Form \(Aug. 2025\)](#)

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