

# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Iowa



| Grade | Recommendations to Improve Patient Access                                                         |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A+    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.</li></ul> |

## State Overview

As of December 2025, 665,421 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that as of 2021, over 18,000 people were living with HCV in Iowa.<sup>2</sup> As of July 1, 2022, 95% of beneficiaries are enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO), while the remaining 5% are enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS) or a similar alternative.<sup>3</sup> Iowa Medicaid contracts with three MCOs: Iowa Total Care, Wellpoint Iowa, and Molina Healthcare of Iowa.<sup>4</sup>

The Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.<sup>5</sup>

| Deductions                 |  | Policy                                                                                                                                        |
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| Prior Authorization        |  | Prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. <sup>6</sup>                                                        |
| Fibrosis Restrictions      |  | Iowa Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions. <sup>7</sup>                                                                             |
| Substance Use Restrictions |  | Iowa Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions. <sup>8</sup>                                                                        |
| Prescriber Restrictions    |  | Iowa Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions. <sup>9</sup>                                                                           |
| Retreatment Restrictions   |  | Iowa Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. <sup>10</sup>                                                                         |
| Access in Managed Care     |  | Iowa Total Care, <sup>11</sup> Molina Healthcare of Iowa, <sup>12</sup> and Wellpoint Iowa <sup>13</sup> impose the same restrictions as FFS. |
| Additional Restrictions    |  | Iowa Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. <sup>14</sup>                                                                          |
| Total Deductions<br>-0     |  | Total Score [100-Deductions]<br>100                                                                                                           |
|                            |  | Grade<br>A+                                                                                                                                   |

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## Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List:** [Iowa HHS, Medicaid Preferred Drug List \(effective Jul. 1, 2026\)](#)

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- <sup>4</sup> Iowa Medicaid, Iowa Health Link, (accessed May 2026), <https://hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/plans-programs/iowa-health-link>
- <sup>5</sup> Preferred Drug List.
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- <sup>13</sup> Wellpoint Iowa, Pharmacy, (accessed May 2026), <https://www.wellpoint.com/ia/medicaid/pharmacy>
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- <sup>15</sup> National Association of Medicaid Directors, Medicaid Directors, <https://medicaiddirectors.org/who-we-are/medicaid-directors/>.
- <sup>16</sup> Iowa Medicaid PDL, Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee Info, <https://perma.cc/8LGZ-AVKU>