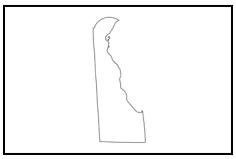
Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Delaware



Grade	Recommendations to Improve Patient Access
A+	• Continue to ensure broad access to HCV treatment.

State Overview

As of July 2026, 234,077 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in Delaware.[1] Delaware's Medicaid program, the Diamond State Health Plan, contracts with three managed care organizations (MCOs): AmeriHealth Caritas, Delaware First Health, and Highmark Health Options.[2] In a federal analysis of 2023-2024 Medicaid claims data, only 20% of Delaware adult Medicaid beneficiaries newly identified with HCV received timely HCV treatment.[3]

The Delaware Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.[4]

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens.[5]
Fibrosis Restrictions		Delaware Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions.[6]
Substance Use Restrictions		Delaware Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions.[7]
Prescriber Restrictions		Delaware Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions.[8]
Retreatment Restrictions		Delaware Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions. Beneficiaries are "limited to one treatment cycle every 365 days."[9]
Access in Managed Care		For initial treatment with preferred HCV treatment regimens, all MCOs (AmeriHealth Caritas Delaware,[10] Centene Delaware First Health,[11] and Highmark Health Options[12]) impose the same requirements as FFS. If the patient is treatment-experienced, AmeriHealth Caritas Delaware requires that the "Prescriber must be a specialist in hepatology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, HIV, or liver transplant."[13]
Additional Restrictions		Delaware Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions.[14]
Total Deductions -0	**Total Score [100-Deductions]** 100	**Grade** A+

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