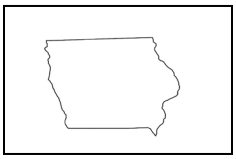
Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

Iowa



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

State Overview

As of July 2026, 676,030 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in Iowa.[1] Iowa Medicaid contracts with three managed care organizations (MCOs): Iowa Total Care, Wellpoint Iowa, and Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Inc.[2] As of December 1, 2026, outpatient pharmacy benefits will be carved out of MCO contracts and administered through Iowa Medicaid's Fee-For-Service (FFS) program.[3] In a federal analysis of 2023-2024 Medicaid claims data, only 30% of Iowa adult Medicaid beneficiaries newly identified with HCV received timely HCV treatment.[4]

The Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.[5]

Deductions		Policy
Prior Authorization		Prior authorization is not required for preferred HCV treatment regimens. [6]
Fibrosis Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions.[7]
Substance Use Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose substance use restrictions.[8]
Prescriber Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions.[9]
Retreatment Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose retreatment restrictions.[10]
Access in Managed Care		Iowa Total Care,[11] Molina Healthcare of Iowa,[12] and Wellpoint Iowa[13] impose the same restrictions as FFS. As of December 1, 2026, outpatient pharmacy benefits will be carved out of MCO contracts and administered through Fee-For-Service.[14]
Additional Restrictions		Iowa Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions.[15]
Total Deductions -0	**Total Score [100-Deductions]** 100	**Grade** A+

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Key Sources

Preferred Drug List: Iowa HHS, Medicaid Preferred Drug List (Oct. 1, 2026)

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