# Hepatitis C: State of Medicaid Access Report Card

# Mississippi



| Grade | Recommendations to Improve Patient Access |
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| B | • Remove prior authorization for HCV treatment.<br>• Remove remaining substance use counseling requirements. |

## State Overview

As of July 2026, 583,988 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in Mississippi.[1] Mississippi has not expanded coverage to low-income adults.[2] Mississippi Medicaid contracts with three managed care organizations (MCOs) through the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MississippiCAN): Magnolia Health, Molina Healthcare, and TrueCare.[3] In a federal analysis of 2023-2024 Medicaid claims data, only 27% of Mississippi adult Medicaid beneficiaries newly identified with HCV received timely HCV treatment.[4]

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid universal Preferred Drug List designates Mavyret and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir as preferred HCV treatment regimens.[5] It covers all Medicaid and MississippiCAN beneficiaries.[6]

| Deductions | | Policy |
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| Prior Authorization | -8 | Prior authorization is required for all HCV treatment regimens. Beginning July 2026, prior authorization for patients eligible for simplified HCV treatment requires only a standard pharmacy prior authorization form, and submission of labs is not required for authorization.[7] |
| Fibrosis Restrictions | | Mississippi Medicaid does not impose fibrosis restrictions.[8] |
| Substance Use Restrictions | -4 | Mississippi requires documentation of "counseling regarding abstinence from alcohol and IV drug use" for patients who do not qualify for non-simplified treatment.[9] |
| Prescriber Restrictions | | Mississippi Medicaid does not impose prescriber restrictions for patients who qualify for simplified treatment.[10] |
| Retreatment Restrictions | | Mississippi Medicaid does not appear to impose undue retreatment restrictions. Prescriptions for treatment-experienced individuals must be written by or in consultation with a specialist.[11] |
| Access in Managed Care | | Mississippi Medicaid utilizes a universal Preferred Drug List, and therefore all MCOs impose the same requirements as FFS, and use the same prior authorization form as FFS.[12] |
| Additional Restrictions | | Mississippi Medicaid does not impose additional restrictions. [13] Although not included as a requirement in the prior authorization, the clinical criteria designates a diagnosis of chronic HCV infection as an inclusion criteria for simplified HCV treatment. |
| **Total Deductions** -12 | **Total Score [100-Deductions]** 88 | **Grade** B |

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## Key Sources

**Preferred Drug List**: Mississippi Division of Medicaid Universal Preferred Drug List (Oct. 1, 2026)
**Prior Authorization Form/Clinical Criteria**: Mississippi Division of Medicaid Prior Authorization Form (Jul. 28, 2026)

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[5] Preferred Drug List.
[6] Preferred Drug List.
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