HEPATITIS C: THE STATE OF MEDICAID ACCESS

The Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School (CHLPI) and the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) share a commitment to ensuring that all individuals living with hepatitis C (HCV) are able to access the cure for HCV, the most common bloodborne infection in the United States.

In particular, the launch of our Hepatitis C: The State of Medicaid Access report in 2017 has successfully supported efforts to eliminate treatment access restrictions. Since 2017, 33 states have either eliminated or reduced their fibrosis restrictions, 29 have loosened their sobriety restrictions, and 28 have scaled back their prescriber restrictions. Additionally, there are now 11 states that have removed prior authorization for most patients entirely: Washington, Louisiana, New York, California, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Rhode Island, Missouri, Alaska, and Virginia.

However, our work is ongoing as states persist in imposing discriminatory treatment access restrictions. CHLPI and NVHR remain committed to capitalizing on the momentum we enjoy today to advocate for the removal of all states’ HCV treatment access restrictions.

Eliminating treatment access restrictions is vital to eliminating HCV as a public health threat in the United States. Further progress requires both leadership and advocacy to turn the promise of the cure into a reality for all.

For more information about Hepatitis C: The State of Medicaid Access please go to www.stateofhepc.org.

Note: The hepatitis C Medicaid policies captured in this report reflect state Fee-For-Service policies only, and do not reflect any policies imposed by contracted managed care organizations.

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FIBROSIS RESTRICTIONS AS OF 1/04/2022

No Restrictions

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Percentage of States | 96%
Number of States    | 50

F2
South Dakota

Percentage of States | 2%
Number of States    | 1

F3
Arkansas

Percentage of States | 2%
Number of States    | 1

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### Sobriety Restrictions as of 1/04/2022

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**Percentage of States:** 58%
**Number of States:** 30

**3 Months**
- Iowa
- North Dakota
- West Virginia

**6 Months**
- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Mississippi
- South Carolina
- South Dakota

**Percentage of States:** 27%
**Number of States:** 14

**3 Months**
- Illinois
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- Oklahoma
- Tennessee

**Percentage of States:** 6%
**Number of States:** 3

**3 Months**
- Rhode Island
- Texas

**Percentage of States:** 9%
**Number of States:** 5

**6 Months**
- Utah

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PRESCRIBER RESTRICTIONS AS OF 1/04/2022

No Restrictions

Alabama
Alaska
California
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Idaho
Indiana
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York

North Carolina
North Dakota
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin
Wyoming

By or in Consultation

Arizona
Colorado
District of Columbia
Hawaii
Illinois
Iowa
Mississippi
Nevada
New Hampshire
Ohio
Oklahoma
South Carolina
South Dakota
West Virginia

Arkansas

Percentage of States | 71%
Number of States | 37

Percentage of States | 27%
Number of States | 14

Percentage of States | 2%
Number of States | 1

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