

# **New Report!**

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## **HepVu Releases Updated 2023 HCV Treatment Restrictions Data**

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**31 state Medicaid programs** require prior authorization for treatment of Hepatitis C infection. However, **21 states** have removed the prior authorization requirement.

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Still **require** prior authorization.

**Louisiana** and **Washington** were the **first states to remove** prior authorization in 2019.



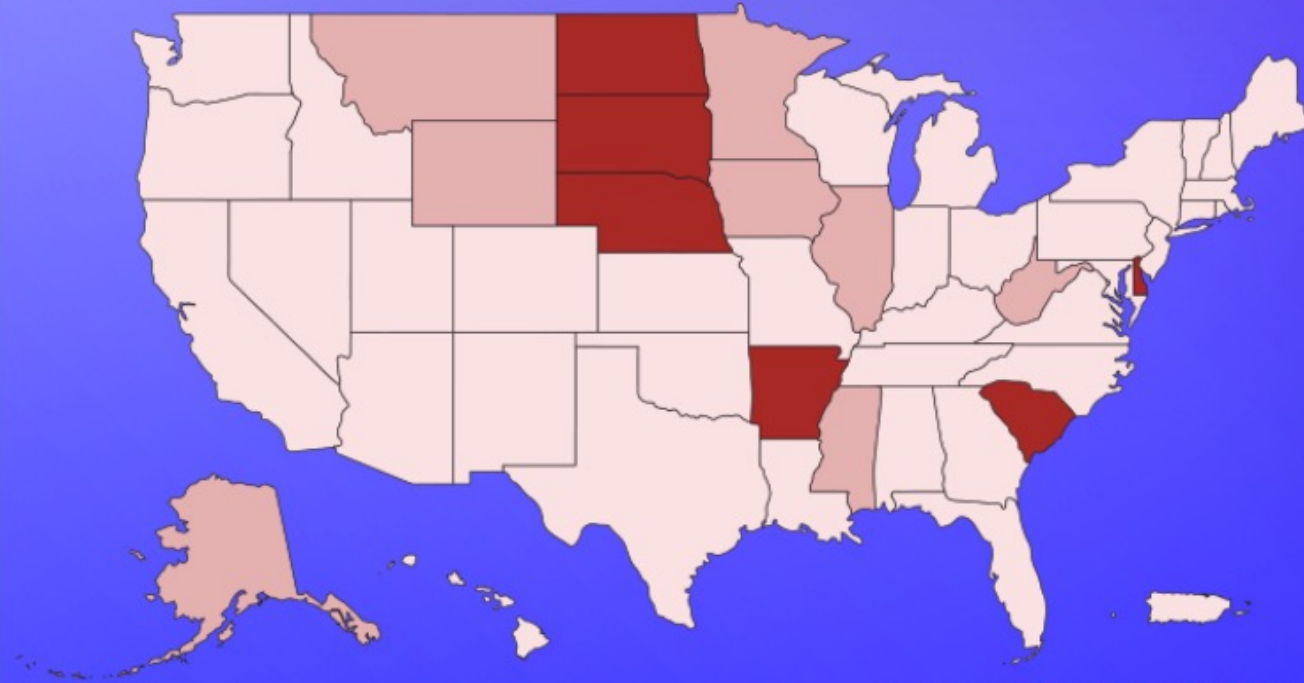
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Since then, **19 other states** have removed this requirement, including **Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.**

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As of February 2023, **27% of U.S. states\***  
have **substance use restrictions** for Hepatitis C treatment.



Some substance use restrictions  
**require individuals to abstain from using alcohol and/or drugs** for a specified timeframe prior to starting Hepatitis C treatment.

Substance Use Restrictions, 2023

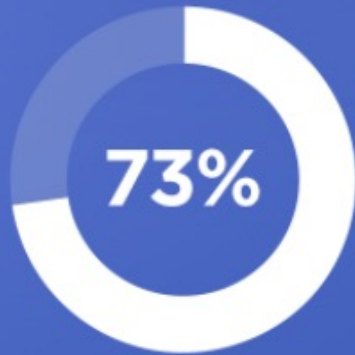
No Substance Use Restriction

Provider Must Address and/or Counsel Patient Regarding Substance Use Issues Prior to Treatment

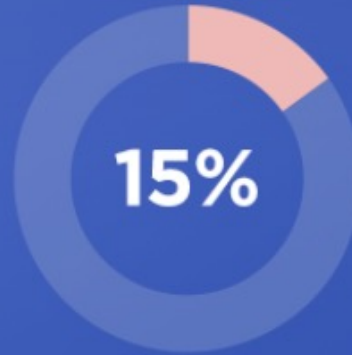
Substance Use Restriction Prior To or During Treatment, Including Required Enrollment in Substance Use Treatment Program

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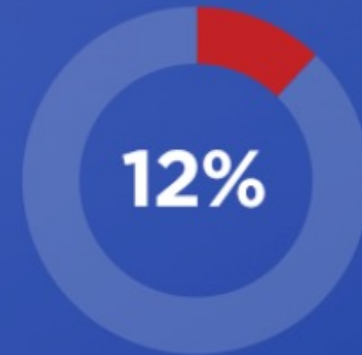
Some state Medicaid programs have substance use restrictions, which require individuals to **abstain** from using alcohol and/or drugs for a **specified timeframe prior** to starting Hepatitis C treatment.



of states have **no substance use restrictions**

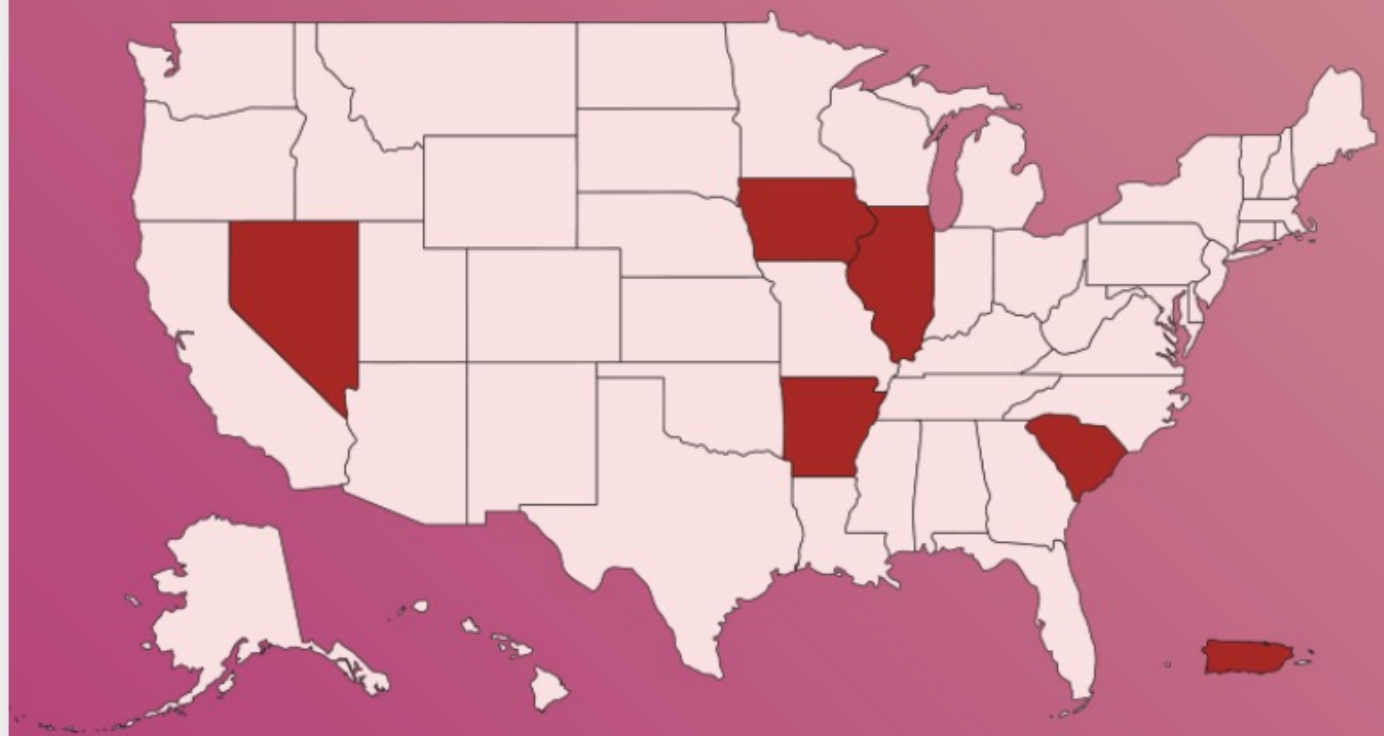


of states require **screening and counseling for substance use** prior to treatment



of states have **substance use restrictions prior to or during treatment**, including required enrollment in a substance use treatment program

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In the U.S., **12%** of state Medicaid programs **limit the type of clinicians** that can prescribe Hepatitis C treatment.

Designated specialists can include **hepatologists, gastroenterologists, or infectious disease physicians.**

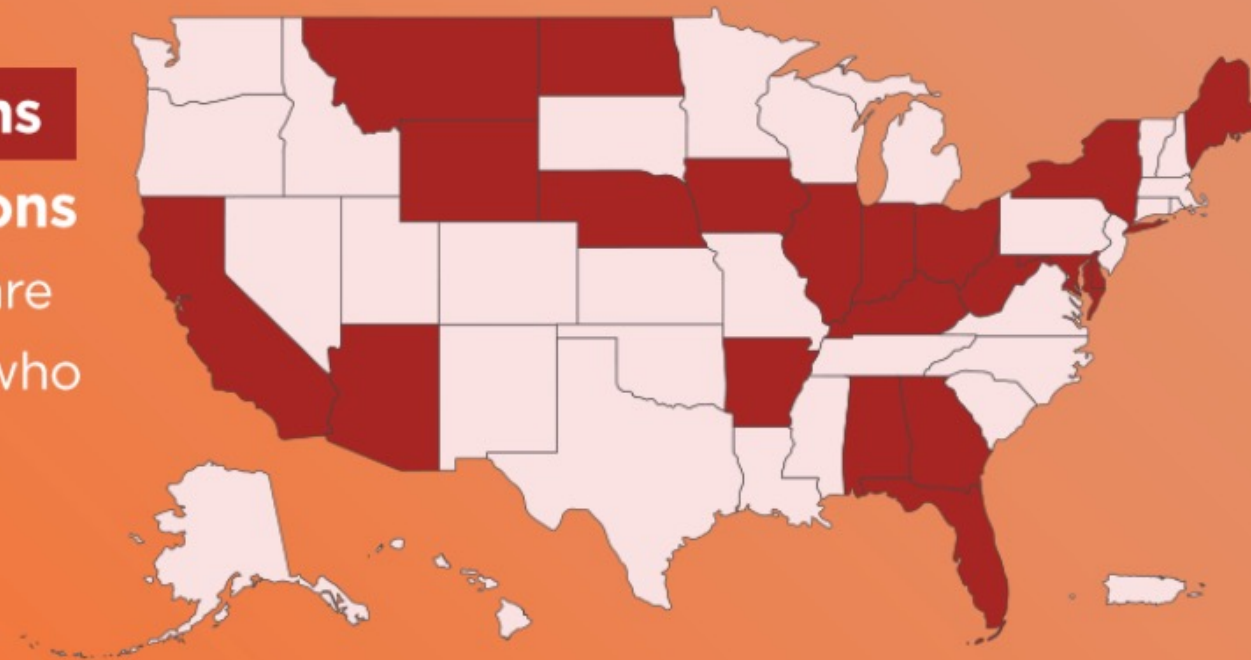
Prescriber Restrictions, 2023

**No Prescriber Restrictions**      **Prescription by or in Consultation with a Specialist**

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## 20 state Medicaid programs

impose **retreatment restrictions** for Hepatitis C, meaning there are **additional barriers** for those who have previously been treated for Hepatitis C.

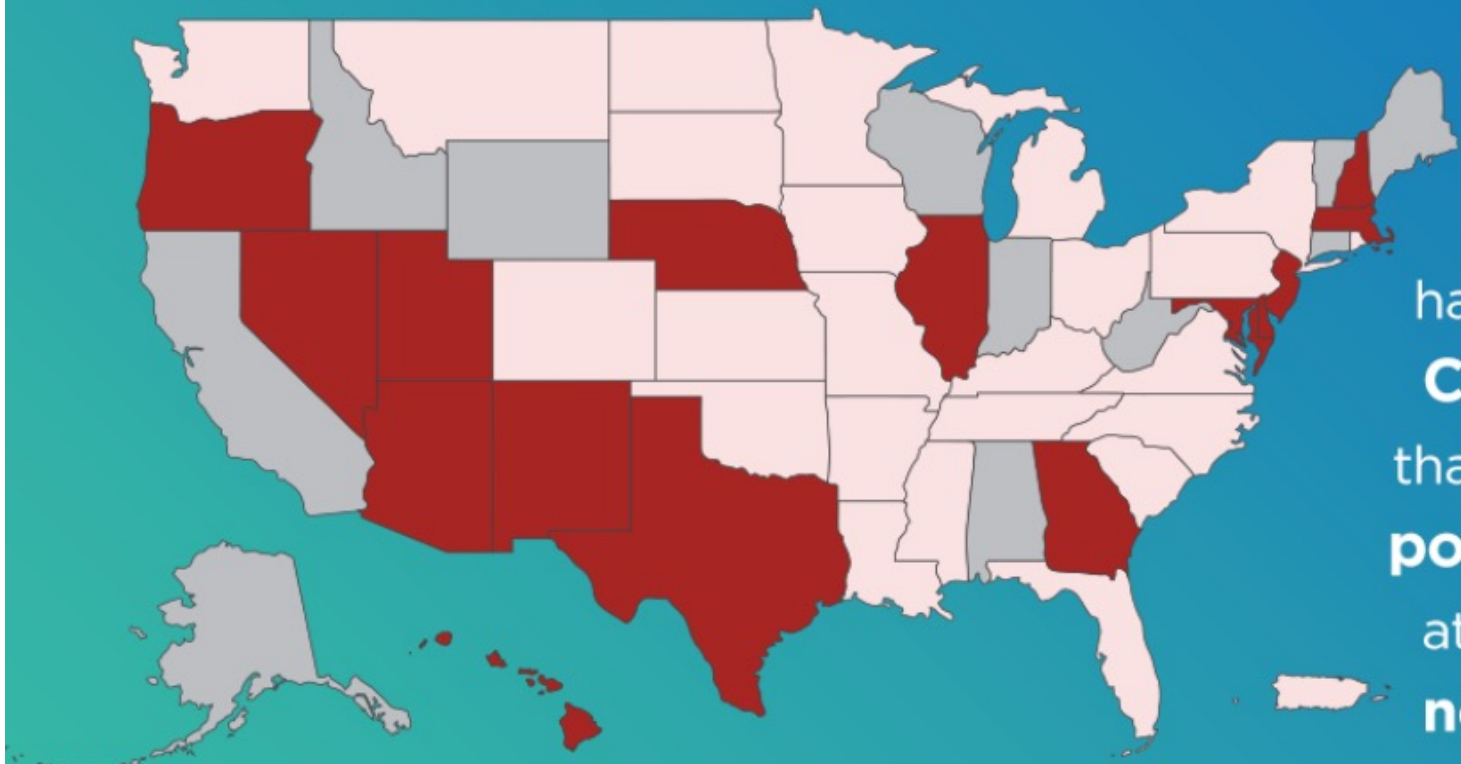


Retreatment Restrictions, 2023

No Restrictions

Retreatment Restrictions

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**31%** of state Medicaid programs have **at least one Managed Care Organization (MCO)** that imposes **more restrictive policies** than fee-for-service, or **at least one MCO** that **does not make its policy public.**

Managed Care, 2023

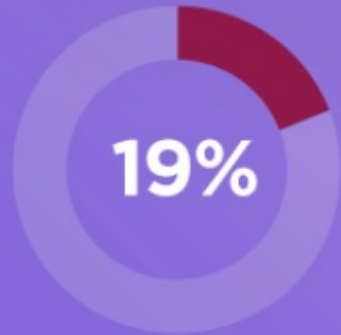
N/A	No Additional Restrictions in Managed Care	Additional Restrictions and/or Lack of Transparency in Managed Care
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## Many states have **other requirements** that **reduce access** to Hepatitis C care:



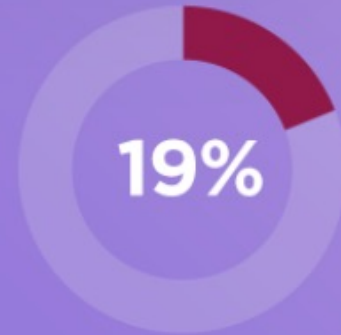
of states require **documentation of viral genotype**



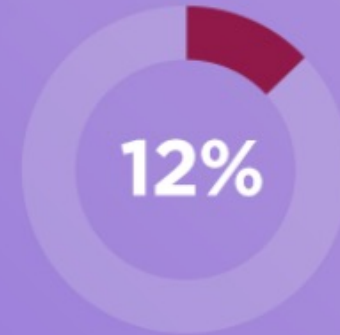
of states require **documentation of chronic infection**



of states require **labs to be collected within a certain timeframe**



of states have an **adherence requirement**



of states have **barriers to replacing lost or stolen medication**

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As of February 2023,  
**48 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico**  
have eliminated or reduced  
fibrosis restrictions.

Two states, **Arkansas** and  
**South Dakota**, still impose  
fibrosis restrictions.

Arkansas



South Dakota



Fibrosis restrictions **require patients to wait** until Hepatitis C  
damages their liver before receiving Hepatitis C treatment.

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# Thank you

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## Q & A