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 deadliest infectious disease in the United States. We are pleased to report that our collective advocacy since 2014 is working.

In particular, the launch of our *Hepatitis C: The State of Medicaid Access* report in 2017 has successfully support efforts to eliminate treatment access restrictions. Since 2017, 29 states have either eliminated or reduced their fibrosis restrictions, 11 have loosened their sobriety restrictions, and 13 have scaled back their prescriber restrictions.

While we have enjoyed numerous successes over the past year, 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 and to advocating for the removal of all states’ HCV treatment access restrictions.

Eliminating treatment access restrictions is a necessary step toward ending HCV in the United States. We have the tools to eliminate HCV, but it requires the removal of all discriminatory HCV treatment access restrictions as well as leadership and resources 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](http://www.stateofhepc.org).

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FIBROSIS RESTRICTIONS AS OF 11/01/19

No Restrictions

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey

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- Maryland

Percentage of States: 2%
Number of States: 1

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- Alabama
- Iowa
- Nebraska

Percentage of States: 6%
Number of States: 3

F3

- Arkansas
- Montana
- South Dakota
- Texas

Percentage of States: 7%
Number of States: 4
SOBRIETY RESTRICTIONS

2014

- No Restrictions
- Screening and Counseling
- Abstain (1 mo.)
- Abstain (3 mos.)
- Abstain (6 mos.)
- Abstain (12 mos.)
- Restrictions Unknown

2019

- No Restrictions
- Screening and Counseling
- Abstain (1 mo.)
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PRESCRIBER RESTRICTIONS

2014

No Restrictions

By or in Consultation with a Specialist

Specialist Must Prescribe

Unknown

Alaska Hawaii

Puerto Rico

2019

No Restrictions

By or in Consultation with a Specialist

Specialist Must Prescribe

Unknown

Alaska Hawaii

Puerto Rico
PRESCRIBER RESTRICTIONS AS OF 11/01/19

No Restrictions

Alabama
Alaska
California
Connecticut
Delaware
Georgia
Idaho
Kansas
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Missouri
Nebraska
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Tennessee
Washington
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Percentage of States | 42%
Number of States | 22

By or in Consultation

Arizona
Colorado
District of Columbia
Florida
Hawaii
Illinois
Iowa
Indiana
Kentucky
Maine
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Nevada
New Hampshire
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Puerto Rico
South Carolina
South Dakota
Texas
Utah

Percentage of States | 52%
Number of States | 27

Specialist

Arkansas
Montana
New Jersey

Percentage of States | 6%
Number of States | 3

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