



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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Pharmacy, Mid-Level, Physician, Indian Health Service/Tribal
638, FQHC, RHC Providers

Effective February 3, 2020

Changes to Hepatitis C Treatment Criteria

Effective February 3, 2020, Montana Healthcare Programs is expanding Hepatitis C treatment coverage to individuals with all stages of liver fibrosis. The Department is also eliminating the provider specialty restriction and readiness criteria. However, a Prior Authorization (PA) will be required to ensure the treatment prescribed is for a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication and length of treatment. In addition, providers shall attest that they have educated the member about treatment goals and expectations and have assessed the member's psychosocial readiness. The member must also attest they have discussed their treatment with their provider and understand retreatment may not be possible if cure is not achieved.

Mavyret™ is Montana Healthcare Programs' preferred Hepatitis C treatment for most individuals as it is appropriate for all genotypes, most stages of liver disease, and usually requires only eight weeks of treatment. However, there are currently no FDA-approved Direct Acting Antiviral Hepatitis C treatments for retreatment in individuals who have failed Mavyret™. **Before beginning treatment with Mavyret™, it is imperative providers ensure their patients are fully engaged in all aspects of their healthcare including their ability to follow-up and complete treatment.** Providers must perform psychosocial readiness evaluations and work with members to identify and eliminate barriers to successful treatment. [Information regarding psychosocial readiness evaluations can be found here: https://prepc.org/about](https://prepc.org/about). (This site is not affiliated with Montana Healthcare Programs but is provided as a possible resource).

It is the provider's responsibility to ensure the treatment selection and course duration are appropriate for each individual member. Therefore, the Department has identified several resources that are available to providers:

- [The ECHO program for providers who need guidance can be found by visiting https://echo.unm.edu/.](https://echo.unm.edu/)
- [AbbVie, the manufacturer for Mavyret™, provides educational webinars for providers by visiting https://www.mavyret.com](https://www.mavyret.com) or calling (877) 628-9738.
- [Further Hepatitis C information and guidance can be found at https://www.hcvguidelines.org/.](https://www.hcvguidelines.org/)
- [The University of Washington is available for clinical consultation with experts. Additional information can be found by visiting https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/.](https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/)

Please note:

Regardless of these guidelines, Montana Healthcare Programs will not approve medications for non-FDA approved indications or length of treatment.

For providers who would like more resources for their patients, AbbVie provides a nurse ambassador program for individuals prescribed Mavyret™. Members who enroll into this program will be provided education and

follow-up. [They can enroll by visiting https://www.mavyret.com](https://www.mavyret.com) or calling 1-877-628-9738.

Montana Healthcare Programs' goal is not only to treat all our members infected with Hepatitis C, but to help ensure their treatment is successfully completed and a cure is achieved. Please utilize all available resources to help accomplish this goal and improve the health of our members.

[Prior authorization and attestation forms can be found on the forms page of the https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)
Please do not submit any new criteria forms prior to February 3, 2020. Any new forms submitted prior to February 3, 2020 will be returned to the provider. Until the February 3rd implementation date of the new criteria, please continue to utilize the old form and criteria. For additional assistance and resources, please contact Mountain-Pacific Quality Health at (800) 395-7961.

For questions regarding this policy, please contact Shannon Sexauer, PharmD, Medicaid Pharmacist at (406) 444-5951 or Dani Feist, Pharmacy Program Officer at (406) 444-2738.

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[For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at \(800\) 624-3958 or \(406\) 442-1837 or email \[MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com\]\(mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com\).](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)

[Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)