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Pharmacy Medical Policy

Hepatitis C Medication Management

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Policy

Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity

Note: All requests for outpatient retail pharmacy for indications listed and not listed on the medical policy guidelines may be submitted to BCBSMA Clinical Pharmacy Operations by completing the Prior Authorization Form on the last page of this document. Physicians may also call BCBSMA Pharmacy Operations department at (800)366-7778 to request a prior authorization/formulary exception verbally. Patients must have pharmacy benefits under their subscriber certificates.

Non formulary medications are covered when a formulary exception request is submitted to BCBSMA Pharmacy Operations and criteria below are met.

Drug	Formulary Information
	Standard
	Formulary Status
Harvoni ™ (ledipasvir / sofosbuvir)	PA Required
Epclusa ® (velpatasvir / sofosbuvir)	PA Required
Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (Authorized Harvoni Generic**)**	Not Covered
Mavyret ™ (glecaprevir and pibrentasvir)	Not Covered
Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Authorized Epclusa Generic**)**	Not Covered
Sovaldi ™ (sofosbuvir)	Not Covered
Vosevi ™ (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir)	PA Required
Zepatier ™ (elbasvir and grazoprevir)	Not Covered

Prerequisite clinical and other information required to be provided on Prior Authorization Form for all drugs to treat hepatitis C:

- Viral genotype and subtype;
- Cirrhosis status;
- Prior treatment for hepatitis C.
- Viral Load

Epclusa ®

We may cover **Epclusa** ® *for the treatment of Hepatitis C when all of the following criteria are met:*

- *Documented diagnosis of Hepatitis C Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection*
- *Children and Adult aged 3 and over or weighing at least 17 kg (over 37 pounds)*

If above criteria are met, approval timeframes will be given according to the following criteria:

- *Patients without cirrhosis and patients with compensated cirrhosis:*
  - *Approval given for up to 12 weeks of therapy*
- *Patients with decompensated cirrhosis:*
  - *Administered in combination with ribavirin, and*
  - *Approval given for up to 12 weeks of therapy.*

Harvoni ™*:*

We may cover ***Harvoni*** ™ *for the treatment of Hepatitis C when all of the following criteria are met:*

- *Documented diagnosis of Hepatitis C Genotype 1, 4, 5, or 6 infection*
- *Patients aged 3 (Harvoni™ pellets) and over*

If above criteria are met, approval timeframes will be given according to the following criteria:

- *Patients who are treatment naïve with cirrhosis or treatment experienced without cirrhosis:*
  - *Approval given for* up to *12 weeks of therapy*
- *Patients who are treatment naïve without cirrhosis*
  - *Approval given for* up to *8 weeks of therapy*
- *Patients who are treatment experienced* with cirrhosis:*
  - *Approval given for* up to *24 weeks of therapy.*

**Treatment experienced is defined as patients who have failed treatment with either a regimen of peginterferon alfa and ribavirin or a regimen of an HCV protease inhibitor and peginterferon alfa and ribavirin*

We may cover **Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (**Authorized Harvoni Generic**)** *for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in adults when all of the following criteria are met:*

- *Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 1,4,5 or 6 , and*
- Adult aged 3 and over, and
- Previous treatment with or contraindication to Harvoni ™ **and** Epclusa ®

If above criteria are met, approval timeframes will be given according to the following criteria:

- *Patients who are treatment naïve with cirrhosis or treatment experienced without cirrhosis:*
  - *Approval given for* up to *12 weeks of therapy*
- *Patients who are treatment naïve without cirrhosis*
  - *Approval given for* up to *8 weeks of therapy*
- *Patients who are treatment experienced* with cirrhosis:*
  - *Approval given for* up to *24 weeks of therapy.*

We may cover Mavyret ™ *for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in adults when all of the following criteria are met:*

- *Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 1,2,3,4,5 or 6, and*
- Adults and those aged 12 and over, and

- For Genotype 1 or 4, 5 & 6: Previous treatment with or contraindication to Harvoni ™ **and** Epclusa ®

OR

- For Genotype 2 or 3: Previous treatment with or contraindication to Epclusa ®

If above criteria are met, approval will be given for Mavyret *™* for up to 16 weeks of therapy.

We may cover **Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (**Authorized Epclusa Generic**)** *for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in adults when all of the following criteria are met:*

- *Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 1,2,3,4,5 or 6, and*
- Patients aged 3 *and over or weighing at least 17 kg (over 37 pounds)*, and
- Previous treatment with or contraindication to Harvoni ™ **and** Epclusa ®

If above criteria are met, approval timeframes will be given according to the following criteria:

- *Patients without cirrhosis and patients with compensated cirrhosis:*
  - *Approval given for up to 12 weeks of therapy*
- *Patients with decompensated cirrhosis:*
  - *Administered in combination with ribavirin, and*
  - *Approval given for up to 12 weeks of therapy.*

We may cover **Sovaldi ™** for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in Patients aged 3 (Sovaldi ™ pellets) or older including those with hepatocellular carcinoma meeting Milan criteria (awaiting liver transplantation) and those with HCV/HIV-1 co-infection when all of the following criteria are met:

- Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 2, 3 or 4 and administered in combination with ribavirin or in combination with pegylated interferon and ribavirin, and
- Sovaldi™ is not used as monotherapy; and
- For Genotype 1 or 4 : Previous treatment with or contraindication to Harvoni ™ **and** Epclusa ®

OR

- For Genotype 2 or 3 : Previous treatment with or contraindication to Epclusa ®

If above criteria are met, approval will be given for Sovaldi ™ as follows:

HCV Mono-infected and HCV/HIV-1 Co-infected	Treatment	Duration
Genotype 1 or 4	Sovaldi ™ + peg-interferon alfa + ribavirin	Up to 12 weeks
Genotype 2	Sovaldi ™ + ribavirin	Up to 12 weeks
Genotype 3	Sovaldi ™ + ribavirin	Up to 24 weeks
All Genotypes (Hepatocellular carcinoma awaiting liver transplantation)	Sovaldi ™ + ribavirin	Up to 48 weeks or until liver transplant whichever soonest

We do not cover the above drugs for other conditions not listed above.

Vosevi ™

We may cover Vosevi ™ for the treatment of adult patients with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) when all of the following criteria are met:

- genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection

AND

- have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor (Harvoni, Epclusa & Zepatier)

OR

- genotype 1a or 3 infection

AND

- have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor. (Sovaldi)

If above criteria are met, approval will be given for Vosevi ™ for up to 12 weeks of therapy.

*We may cover **Zepatier™** for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in adults when all of the following criteria are met:*

- *Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 1 or 4, and*
- Previous treatment with or contraindication to Harvoni ™ **and** Epclusa ®

If above criteria are met, approval will be given for Zepatier™ as follows:

Patient Population	Treatment	Duration
Genotype 1a: Treatment-naïve or PegIFN/RBVexperienced* without baseline NS5A polymorphisms	ZEPATIER	Up to 12 weeks
Genotype 1a: Treatment-naïve or PegIFN/RBVexperienced* with baseline NS5A polymorphisms	ZEPATIER + ribavirin	Up to 16 weeks
Genotype 1b: Treatment-naïve or PegIFN/RBVexperienced	ZEPATIER	Up to 12 weeks
Genotype 1a or 1b: PegIFN/RBV/PI-experienced	ZEPATIER + ribavirin	Up to 12 weeks
Genotype 4: Treatment-naïve	ZEPATIER	Up to 12 weeks
Genotype 4: PegIFN/RBV-experienced	ZEPATIER + ribavirin	Up to 16 weeks

Other Information

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA*) members (other than Medex®; Blue MedicareRx, Medicare Advantage plans that include prescription drug coverage) will be required to fill their prescriptions for the above medications at one of the providers in our retail specialty pharmacy network, see link below:

Link to Specialty Pharmacy List

Individual Consideration

All our medical policies are written for the majority of people with a given condition. Each policy is based on medical science. For many of our medical policies, each individual's unique clinical circumstances may be considered in light of current scientific literature. Physicians may send relevant clinical information for individual patients for consideration to:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Clinical Pharmacy Department

25 Technology Place
Hingham, MA 02043
Tel: 1-800-366-7778
Fax: 1-800-583-6289

Prior Authorization Information

Outpatient

For services described in this policy, see below for products where prior authorization **IS REQUIRED** if the procedure is performed **outpatient**.

	Outpatient
Commercial Managed Care (HMO and POS)	Prior authorization is **required**.
Commercial PPO and Indemnity	Prior authorization is **required**.

CPT Codes / HCPCS Codes / ICD-9 Codes

The following codes are included below for informational purposes. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply member coverage or provider reimbursement. Please refer to the member's contract benefits in effect at the time of service to determine coverage or non-coverage as it applies to an individual member.

Providers should report all services using the most up-to-date industry-standard procedure, revenue, and diagnosis codes, including modifiers where applicable.

CPT Codes

There is no specific CPT code for this service.

Policy History

Date	Action
8/2022	Updated to remove Daklinza, Olysio, Technivie, & Viekira as they were discontinued from the market.
6/2021	Clarified coding and updated age for Epclusa ™.
6/2020	Updated to include age change for Epclusa ™.
2/2020	Updated to remove specialist prescriber required criteria.
11/2019	Updated to add Age updates for Harvoni™ and Sovaldi™
7/2019	Updated age for 12 and older for Mavyret.
2/2019	Updated to include at not covered the Authorized generics of Harvoni and Epclusa.
1/2018	Updated to include Mavyret as non-preferred.
11/2017	Updated to include Vosevi™ as part of the policy plus update Walgreens Specialty and added the Mass Standard PA form.
7/2017	Updated criteria for age change in Sovaldi™ and Harvoni® plus added AllCare to Specialty Pharmacy list.
6/2017	Updated Pharmacy Ops address.
1/1/2017	Updated to include Epclusa® and Viekira XR™
6/2016	Updated to add Zepatier™ and Remove Victrelis™.
4/2016	Updated to include new Harvoni® indications and add Daklinza™ & Technivie™.
7/2015	Added Genotype 1 to Sovaldi™ table.
2/2015	Updated to include Harvoni® and Viekira Pak™ and criteria.
1/2015	Updated to remove Pegylated Interferons requiring PA and changes to Olysio.
7/2014	Updated to include ICD-10 and added Sovaldi™ and Olysio™.
2/2014	Updated Onco360 name and removed Curascript in Specialty Pharmacy section.
1/2014	Updated to remove Blue Value.

1/2013	Updated coverage criteria for PegIntron® to require previous treatment failure with Pegasys.®
8/2012	Updated to include Pegasys® ProClick™.
11/2011-4/2012	Medical policy ICD 10 remediation: Formatting, editing and coding updates. No changes to policy statements.
1/1/2012	New policy, effective 1/1/2012, describing covered and non-covered indications.

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Endnotes

1. Based on BCBSA Technology Evaluation Center Specialty Pharmacy Combined Capacity (SPCC) Report #8-2011 and #9-2011 Hepatitis C Drugs Boceprevir (Victrelis™) Telaprevir (Incivek™), reviewed June 2011.

Massachusetts Standard Form for HEP C Prior Authorization Requests (eForm)

Browser information:

If NOT logged into Provider Central use this link:

Massachusetts Standard Form for Hep C Medications Prior Authorization Requests eForm

(Can also be found on Provider Central at **Forms > Authorization – Pharmacy)**

If logged into Provider Central use this link:

Provider Central Link to Pharmacy Forms

(Also found on Provider Central by clicking **Forms** on the top of the page, then choose **Authorization – Pharmacy**)

Tips for using this eForm:

- Fill out completely and submit it. You won't be able to start the form and save it for later.
- You can attach documents to support your request. Please have them ready.
- You'll be able to print a copy for your patient's medical record at the end.