



LA HAP Bulletin

March 30th, 2017

Protocol for Medicaid enrollees to access Hepatitis C treatment through LA HAP

As previously discussed, LA HAP has worked with HRSA to increase options for HIV/HCV co-infected persons who have limited cost assistance options for HCV treatment. Having received special permission from HRSA to expand our scope of services, LA HAP has recently worked with Ramsell to make accommodations to add additional LA HAP members.

Starting April 1st, LA HAP can accept applications for limited services from applicants who meet all of the following criteria:

- Co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C
- Currently enrolled in full Medicaid coverage (and therefore not currently enrolled in LA HAP)
- Not currently eligible for Hepatitis C treatment coverage through Medicaid, as evidenced by an explicit denial letter from their Medicaid provider

To access the LA HAP HCV sub-program, two forms must be completed and faxed to LA HAP:

1. The **APPLICANT** should complete the [LA HCV application](#). The two-page application will require applicants to:
 - a. Attest to the fact that they fit all program criteria as listed above.
 - b. State their approximate income. Separate documentation of income is NOT required.
 - c. Attach a letter from their Medicaid provider indicating that they have been denied coverage of an HCV treatment regimen. This letter must be dated within 12 months of receipt at LA HAP.

Documentation of Medicaid enrollment and HIV diagnoses are NOT required as this information can be verified independently by LA HAP staff.

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2. The applicant's **MEDICAL PROVIDER** should complete the [Supplemental Form for HCV Treatment Regimens](#). Providers must include documentation of the following:

- d. Hepatitis C genotype
- e. CD4 count within the last 6 months
- f. Hepatitis C RNA viral load within the last 3 months
- g. HIV viral load within the last 6 months

These two applications can be submitted independently of each other: you do not need to wait on the completion of the provider form before submitting the application, or vice versa.

Once approved, clients will receive a LA HAP card indicating that they have been approved for "Limited Medication Services ONLY." **Please work with your clients to help them understand that this card may be used to pay the full cost of HCV medications on the [LA HAP uninsured formulary ONLY](#).** Any other charges incurred, including for HIV or other medications, lab work, or provider visits, must be billed to Medicaid or another source.

Clients are limited to the use of the [LA HAP Uninsured Network](#) when accessing medications.

If you have additional questions about this program, please contact LA HAP at 504-568-7474.

LA HAP Tax Reconciliation Policy

Letters have been sent to all clients who took an Advance Premium Tax Credit in 2016 instructing them in how to reconcile their taxes. Case managers have been provided with lists of these clients. Please contact Alicia (504-568-2714) if you have questions about your list. [The slides from our March 21st and 22nd webinar](#) contain more information about this policy.

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