

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Georgia Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)
BILLING CODE	Must use valid NDC code
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) Alternative preferred products include Mavyret and Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (generic for Epclusa) QUANTITY LIMIT— 28 for a 28 day supply
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) is a **non-preferred** product and will only be considered for coverage under the **pharmacy** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

HEPATITIS C (without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Turcotte-Pugh Class A))

For **initial** authorization:

- Member must be 3-5 years old AND have a weight of below 17 kg (37 lbs); AND
NOTE: Member who is 6-11 years of age OR at least 17 kg (37 lbs) must have a trial of Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (generic for Epclusa). If member is 12 years of age and older OR at least 45 kg (99 lbs), must have a trial with either Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir or Mavyret (dates of previous trials and viral loads must be documented in chart notes).
- Member is treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced with genotype 2 or 3 (laboratory documentation required); AND
- Medication must be used in combination with ribavirin; AND
- Medication must be prescribed by a board certified hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a nurse practitioner working with the above specialists; AND
- Member's documented viral load taken within 6 months of beginning therapy and submitted with chart notes; AND
- Member has documented current monthly negative urine drug and alcohol screens for 3 consecutive months (laboratory documentation required); AND
- Member does **not** have moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Turcotte-Pugh B and C).
- Dosage allowed:** Sovaldi (one tablet once daily) + ribavirin for 12 weeks for genotype 2; Sovaldi (one tablet once daily) + ribavirin for 24 weeks for genotype 3.

Note: Member's life expectancy must be no less than one year due to non-liver related comorbidities.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 12-24 weeks, see Appendix below.

For **reauthorization**:

- Member is treatment experienced without cirrhosis or is treatment-experienced with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Turcotte-Pugh Class A); AND
- Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND

3. Member is compliant with drug therapy regimen by paid pharmacy claims; AND
4. Member's HCV RNA greater than or equal to lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) of 25 IU per mL with 2 consecutive values during the post-treatment period after achieving HCV RNA less than LLOQ at end of treatment. Dates and HCV RNA values must be documented in chart notes; AND
5. Member must have a documented reason of treatment failure of previously tried medication.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12-24 weeks.

CareSource considers Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) not medically necessary for the treatment of the diseases that are not listed in this document.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
05/09/2017	New policy for Sovaldi created. Criteria coverage was adjusted for age, alternative products were indicated. Hep B test requirement was added. Drug and alcohol screens for 3 consecutive months required for all regardless of abuse history. Evidence of liver fibrosis exceptions was expanded. Reauthorization requirement of 2 consecutive values of HCV RNA \geq 25 IU per mL during the post-treatment period and documented reason of treatment failure were added.
06/08/2017	Fibrosis stage 2 and above covered.
11/22/2017	Substance abuse program information is no longer required. Criterion on absence of moderate to severe liver impairment was added.
12/07/2017	Criterion of "life expectancy not less than one year due to non-liver related comorbidities" removed from criteria and added in a form of the note. Hepatitis B testing is no longer required.
12/21/2017	Fibrosis score requirement was removed.
05/01/2019	Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (generic for Epclusa) trial added for adult members; Mavyret trial added for members 12 -17 years of age.
4/26/2020	Sovaldi's age indication expanded to include age 3 or older. Criteria were adjusted for age and drug trials accordingly.

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Appendix. Treatment Duration

Genotype	Pediatric Patient Population 12 Years of Age and Older or Weighing at Least 35 kg	Regimen and Duration
Genotype 2	Treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Sovaldi + ribavirin 12 weeks
Genotype 3	Treatment-naïve and treatment-experienced without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Sovaldi + ribavirin 24 weeks