

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Georgia Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Zepatier (grazoprevir/elbasvir)
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 Eplusa) QUANTITY LIMIT— 28 for a 28 day supply
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

Zepatier (grazoprevir/elbasvir) 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:

1. Member is treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Turcotte-Pugh Class A); AND
2. Member must be 18 years of age or older; AND
3. Member has genotype 1 or 4 (laboratory documentation required); AND
4. Member has been tested for NS5A resistance-associated polymorphisms if Genotype is 1a; AND
5. Medication must be prescribed by a board certified hepatologist, gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a nurse practitioner working with the above specialists; AND
6. Member's documented viral load taken within 6 months of beginning therapy and submitted with chart notes; AND
7. Member has documented current monthly negative urine drug and alcohol screens for 3 consecutive months (laboratory documentation required); AND
8. Member does **not** have moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Turcotte-Pugh B and C); AND
9. Member has tried and failed course of treatment with Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (generic for Eplusa) and with Mavyret (Dates and HCV RNA values must be documented in chart notes).
10. **Dosage allowed:** One tablet once daily for 12 weeks OR one tablet once daily with ribavirin for 16 weeks if member has NS5A resistance-associated polymorphisms.

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 12-16 weeks, see Appendix below.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Zepatier will not be reauthorized for continued therapy.



CareSource considers Zepatier (grazoprevir/elbasvir) 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 Zepatier created. 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	Medication status changed to non-preferred. Substance abuse program information is no longer required. Trial of preferred agent is required. Reauthorization criteria were removed. 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) added to trials.

References:

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Appendix. Treatment Duration

Genotype and Population	Treatment	Duration
Genotype 1a: Treatment-naïve or PegIFN/RBV experienced ¹ without baseline NS5A polymorphisms ²	Zepatier	12 weeks
Genotype 1a: Treatment-naïve or PegIFN/RBV experienced ¹ with baseline NS5A polymorphisms ²	Zepatier + ribavirin	16 weeks
Genotype 1b: Treatment-naïve or PegIFN/RBV experienced ¹	Zepatier	12 weeks
Genotype 1a or 1b: PegIFN/RBV/PI-experienced ³	Zepatier + ribavirin	12 weeks
Genotype 4: Treatment-naïve	Zepatier	12 weeks
Genotype 4: PegIFN/RBV-experienced ¹	Zepatier + ribavirin	16 weeks

¹Peginterferon alfa + ribavirin.

²Polymorphisms at amino acid positions 28, 30, 31, or 93.

³Peginterferon alfa + ribavirin + HCV NS3/4A protease inhibitor.