

UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2025 P 1197-11
Program	Prior Authorization/Notification
Medication	Epclusa® (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir)
P&T Approval Date	8/2016, 8/2017, 8/2018, 8/2019, 8/2020, 8/2021, 8/2022, 8/2023, 8/2024, 8/2025, 10/2025
Effective Date	1/1/2026

1. Background:

Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) is a fixed-dose combination of sofosbuvir, a hepatitis C virus (HCV) nucleotide analog NS5B polymerase inhibitor, and velpatasvir, an HCV NS5A inhibitor, and is indicated for the treatment of adults and pediatric patients 3 years of age and older with chronic HCV genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection:

- without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis
- with decompensated cirrhosis for use in combination with ribavirin

2. Coverage Criteria^a:

A. Authorization

1. Epclusa will be approved based upon **both** of the following criteria:

a. Diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C infection

-AND-

b. Patient is not receiving Epclusa in combination with another HCV direct acting antiviral agent [e.g., Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)]

Authorization will be issued for 12 months.

^a State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.

3. Additional Clinical Rules

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Supply limits may be in place
- Medical necessity may be in place.

4. References:

1. Epclusa [package insert]. Foster City, CA: Gilead Sciences, Inc.; April 2022.

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Change Control	
Date	Change
8/2016	New program.
8/2017	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated reference.
8/2018	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated reference.
8/2019	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria.
8/2020	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated reference.
8/2021	Annual review. Updated background with no changes to clinical criteria. Updated reference.
8/2022	Annual review. Added Child-Pugh classes for decompensated cirrhosis.
8/2023	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated reference.
8/2024	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria.
8/2025	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria.
10/2025	Removed criteria related to decompensated liver disease status. Simplified pangenotypic treatment criteria. Updated authorization to 12 months.