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Medicaid removes requirement to submit illicit drug and alcohol test results with prior authorization for Hepatitis C antiviral treatment

Prior to October 1, 2022, the Alabama Medicaid Agency had a requirement that potential recipients of antiviral drugs for the treatment of hepatitis C demonstrate the absence of alcohol and illicit drug use. During the prior approval process, a copy of the patient's drug and alcohol screening lab report reflecting negative results was required. As of October 1, 2022, this requirement has been discontinued. However, all other criteria remain, including the patient consent form with the patient's and physician's signature, which must be submitted with requests. Chronic HCV is usually curable with oral medications taken every day for two to six months.

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/alert_detail.aspx?ID=15967