



The Division’s drug utilization committee has established guidelines that a person must have fibrosis (Metavir score F2 – F4) and a record of attempted prior treatments before the Division will authorize Sovaldi for treatment of Hepatitis C.<sup>6</sup>

### **III. Discussion**

The Alaska Medicaid program has a number of medications which require prior authorization.<sup>7</sup> In determining whether to grant prior authorization for a medication (or any service), regulation 7 AAC 105.130 states that the “factors that the department will consider include the service’s medical necessity, clinical effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and likelihood of adverse effects . . .”

Sovaldi is one of the medications which requires prior authorization before the Medicaid program will pay for it. The Division has adopted clear clinical guidelines which must be met before prior authorization is granted for Sovaldi. While Ms. C has met one of those guidelines, being that another treatment has been tried, she does not meet one of the other required criteria – that she have fibrosis at the F2 – F4 level. Her most recent test results do not show the presence of any fibrosis. Her Hepatitis C is undisputedly not at a stage where it is severe enough to satisfy the clinical guidelines necessary for prior authorization. The Division was therefore correct to deny prior authorization for Sovaldi.

### **IV. Conclusion**

The Division’s decision to deny Ms. C’s prior authorization request for Sovaldi is affirmed.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

*Signed*

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Lawrence A. Pederson  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>6</sup> Ex. K, p. 1; Ms. Narus’s testimony.

<sup>7</sup> 7 AAC 105.130(a)(13); 7 AAC 120.130(a)(1).

## **Adoption**

The undersigned, by delegation from of the Commissioner of Health and Social Services, adopts this Decision, under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1), as the final administrative determination in this matter.

Judicial review of this decision may be obtained by filing an appeal in the Alaska Superior Court in accordance with Alaska R. App. P. 602(a)(2) within 30 days after the date of this decision.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

By: Signed  
Name: Lawrence A. Pederson  
Title: Administrative Law Judge/OAH

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