

**BEFORE THE ALASKA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
ON REFERRAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

In the Matter of)	
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M U)	OAH No. 15-0782-MDX
)	Agency No.

DECISION

I. Introduction

M U's physician requested prior authorization of the prescription drug Harvoni to treat Ms. U's Hepatitis C. The Division of Health Care Services denied the request. Ms. U requested a hearing.

A hearing in the matter was scheduled for July 27, 2015. Ms. U failed to appear telephonically and the hearing was cancelled. In response to a notice of opportunity to show good cause for failing to participate, she explained that she was not aware that her attendance at the hearing was required and that she had two young children which would prevent her from attending a rescheduled hearing. Ms. U asked that the merits of her request be considered in her absence.

The evidence shows that Ms. U is not eligible to receive the medication Harvoni through the Medicaid program. The division's denial is sustained.

II. Facts

M U is a 39 year old woman with a GT-4b chronic hepatitis C infection. She has not been treated for hepatitis C before. She shows no evidence of fibrosis.¹ Her physician, Dr. E J, requested prior authorization under Medicaid for Ms. U to receive Harvoni. On June 13, 2015, the division notified Ms. U that it had denied the request.²

III. Discussion

The Alaska Medicaid prior authorization criteria for direct acting antivirals for Hepatitis C require that the patient have a diagnosis of Hepatitis C, Genotype 1, and a

¹ Division Exhibit E at 20.

² Division Exhibit C at 1.

Metavir Fibrosis score of F2 – F4.³ Ms. U has a Genotype 4b infection and a Metavir Fibrosis score of F0.⁴

IV. Conclusion

Ms. U does not meet the Medicaid program’s prior authorization criteria for the drug Harvoni. The division’s denial of prior authorization is affirmed.

Dated: August 7, 2015

Signed

Kathryn L. Kurtz
Administrative Law Judge

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 27th day of August, 2015.

By: Signed

Name: Bride Seifert

Title: Administrative Law Judge

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³ Division Exhibit J at 1.

⁴ Division Exhibit E at 3, 4.