



Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

Nevada Medicaid Fact Sheet

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Overview

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders. The red blood cells become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a “sickle.” People with SCD can live full lives and enjoy most of the activities that other people do. Nevada Medicaid covers medically necessary services for SCD and its variants.

Coverage

Laboratory testing for newborns to adults

- Includes newborn screening and individual laboratory tests such as Hemoglobin S Solubility Test and sodium metabisulfite test; Hemoglobinopathy (Hb) evaluation which is a comprehensive list of tests; hemoglobin stability screen, complete blood count, blood smear, iron tests, and many more.
- Genetic DNA testing is only covered for children under the age of 21 years old with an EPSDT override for medical necessity.

Medically necessary treatment

- Covered in an office visit with a physician, physician assistant (PA), or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). This includes evaluation, counseling, and education. There are no limitations to these services.

Prescription drugs

- Prescription drugs are a covered benefit along with unlimited refills when prescribed by an appropriate provider (physician, PA, APRN). Prescription drugs for SCD and its variants are included on the list of preferred prescription drugs.
- Supplements for SCD and its variants are also covered. Nevada Medicaid created a list of unlimited non-prescription supplements which is reviewed biennially.

Case Management

- Medicaid District Offices provide case management to Fee-for-Service recipients. Managed Care Organization also provide case management to recipients. Both can assist with services to transition a recipient from pediatric care to adult care when the recipient reaches 18 years old.

Medicaid Recipients Diagnosed

Sickle Cell Anemia Dx - D57	SFY19	SFY20
Fee for Service	399	422
Managed Care	921	981
Aggregate Total	1,320	1,403

Additional Resources, Links & Contacts

Local Medicaid District Offices:	Managed Care Organizations (MCOs):
Carson City – (775) 684-3651 Elko – (775) 753-1191 Las Vegas – (702) 668-4200 Reno – (775) 687-1900	Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield – (844) 396-2329 Health Plan of Nevada – (800) 962-8074 SilverSummit Healthplan – (844) 366-2880

Discrimination: If a recipient believes they are experiencing discrimination, email Nevada Medicaid’s Civil Rights Officer at civilrights@dhcfp.nv.gov. For more information, visit the [DHCFP Civil Rights Website](#).