



For additional information on the grading methodology, please visit the State of the States Report: rareaction.org/stateofthestates

Medicaid Eligibility

Overall Grade: A

Eligibility for childless adults	A
Eligibility for parent of a dependent child	A
Eligibility for pregnant women	A
Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility for children	A

Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

Overall Grade: Pass

The District of Columbia has not sought to use section 1115 waivers to enact provisions in its Medicaid program that would be harmful to the rare disease community.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Overall Grade: B

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	B
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Step Therapy

Overall Grade: F

Based on clinical practice	F
Timeline	F
Exception process	F
Categories of exceptions	F
Subsequent guidance from state	F

Medical Nutrition

Overall Grade: D

Coverage requirements for commercial health plans	F
Covered disorders requirements for commercial health plans	F
Coverage requirements for state-run programs	C
Covered disorders requirements for state-run programs	C

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: C

Screening for RUSP core conditions	B
Adding RUSP core conditions to the state panel	B
Funding for program	C
Use of dried blood spots (DBS)	D
Follow-up	C
Quality of program	B
Advisory committee	B

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

The District of Columbia has not enacted legislation to create a rare disease advisory council.

Individual Insurance Market Protections

Pre-existing conditions protections: The District of Columbia has an individual mandate in place.

Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans: The District of Columbia limits the initial contract duration of short-term, limited-duration health plans to three months, and underwritten short-term, limited-duration coverage cannot exceed three months in a twelve month period. Self-funded association health plans must satisfy the same licensure and financial standards as commercial insurers.

Reinsurance: The District of Columbia has not yet sought a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program.