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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

New York 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: A

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	A
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Step Therapy

Overall Grade: A

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

Medical Nutrition

Overall Grade: B

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

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: B

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

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

New York enacted a workgroup that collaborates with the Department of Health and the Department of Financial Services instead of enacting a rare disease advisory council.

Individual Insurance Market Protections

Pre-existing conditions protections: New York has a guaranteed issue law, requires the use of adjusted community rating and prohibits pre-existing conditions exclusions.

Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans: Underwritten short-term, limited-duration health plans are prohibited in this state. New York requires that an association form for a purpose other than offering insurance and be in existence for a minimum of two years before offering coverage. Coverage sold to individuals and small businesses through an association must comply with individual and small-group market standards respectively. Self-funded association health plans must satisfy the same licensure and financial standards as commercial insurers.

Reinsurance: New York has not yet sought a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program.