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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

Pennsylvania has not yet sought to use section 1115 waivers to enact provisions in its Medicaid program that would be harmful to the rare disease community. Governor Wolf has vetoed two attempts to apply for a waiver to implement a work requirement.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Overall Grade: F

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	F
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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: C

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

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: C

Screening for RUSP core conditions	C
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	D
Advisory committee	A

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Pennsylvania enacted legislation to create a rare disease advisory council (RDAC) in 2017. Pennsylvania's RDAC published their first report to the state legislature in July 2018.

Individual Insurance Market Protections

Pre-existing conditions protections: Only current federal protections apply in Pennsylvania.

Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans: Pennsylvania does not place any stricter limitations than current federal standards on short-term, limited-duration health plans. Pennsylvania 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: Pennsylvania has not yet sought a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program.

*Although stated eligibility level for parents of dependent children would not warrant an "A," state has expanded Medicaid to enable individuals previously ineligible for Medicaid to become Medicaid eligible up to 138% eligibility FPL and, therefore, earns an "A."