



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	B
Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility for children	B

Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

Overall Grade: Pass

Alaska 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: 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	D
Coverage requirements for state-run programs	B
Covered disorders requirements for state-run programs	D

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: C

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

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Alaska has not enacted legislation to create a rare disease advisory council.

Individual Insurance Market Protections

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

Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans: Alaska does not place any stricter limitations than current federal standards on short-term, limited-duration health plans or association health plans.

Reinsurance: Alaska has obtained a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program. Alaska's reinsurance program is conditions-based, and allows for partial or full reimbursement.