



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

Medicaid Eligibility

Overall Grade: C

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

Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

Overall Grade: Fail

Georgia is seeking a section 1115 waiver to, among other things, implement a work requirement, partially expand eligibility and charge premiums in its Medicaid program. The waiver has yet to be approved by the federal government.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

Overall Grade: D

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	D
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Step Therapy

Overall Grade: B

Based on clinical practice	A
Timeline	A
Exception process	C
Categories of exceptions	B
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	D
Covered disorders requirements for state-run programs	C

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: B

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

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Georgia 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 Georgia.

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

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