

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

Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

Overall Grade: Pass

Texas 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: B

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

Medical Nutrition

Overall Grade: B

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

Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: A

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

Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Texas 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 Texas.

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

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