

Communicable Disease Unit Voucher Program Guidance

Introduction

The Wyoming Department of Health, Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) receives federal funds to support screening for HIV, STDs, and viral hepatitis. The social marketing campaign, www.knowyo.org, serves as the mechanism by which vouchers are generated, redeemed, and reimbursed.

Patient Eligibility

Patients must be Wyoming residents, identified as at-risk based on the CDU Snapshot of Screening Recommendations (<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit>), and fall into one of the categories below:

1. Uninsured or underinsured patients
2. Insured patients who indicate a reluctance to have insurance billed

In certain circumstances, the program may agree to reimburse testing for non-Wyoming residents. Please contact the Prevention Program Manager directly (307-777-3562) for approval on a case-by-case basis. College students are considered Wyoming residents, therefore, no additional approvals are required.

Voucher Site Eligibility

The following criteria must be met in order for a site to be identified as a voucher site and receive reimbursement:

1. Staff/organizational capacity to provide services
2. Organizational medical director/health officer
3. Ability to provide confidential services
4. Current CLIA Certificate of Waiver
5. Provide name of current laboratory
6. Obtain PRISM access, complete PRISM training, and enter data into PRISM
7. Completion of State of Wyoming vendor paperwork
8. Have at least one staff member that has attended the CDU Counseling and Testing Training (HIV/STD session) or specific Public Health Nursing (PHN) training
9. Obtain access to www.knowyo.org backend and complete voucher reimbursement training
10. Agree to adhere to the CDU Voucher Reimbursement Guidance

Voucher Site Administration Fees

Patients who present with a voucher may not be turned away for inability to pay. Voucher sites are expected to maintain a reasonable, non-prohibitive fee for the administration of the reimbursed tests. Visit fees should not exceed \$25.00. Clinics using a sliding fee scale are expected to offer that scale for any services reimbursed through the voucher program.

Voucher Use

Vouchers may be generated in the following ways:

1. Patient access voucher code on www.knowyo.org prior to coming into the voucher site for testing.
2. Voucher is generated by voucher site staff on behalf of the patient. Patient is educated on www.knowyo.org and the process to generate vouchers for future visits.

Reimbursements

The following table details the reimbursements available to voucher sites for testing. All tests are reimbursed at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory (WPHL) rate and are subject to change. Each facility will be billed directly from the WPHL and will receive reimbursement from the CDU.

Screening Test	Reimbursement Rate
Chlamydia and Gonorrhea	\$14.00/site, up to three sites per patient
Hepatitis B panel	\$45.00
Hepatitis C antibody	\$20.00
Hepatitis C RNA*	\$55.00
Rapid HIV test	\$15.00
HIV Confirmatory test*	\$45.00
Syphilis	\$0.00 (WPHL does not charge for syphilis testing)

*HCV and HIV confirmatory tests may be invoiced to the program separately. These may be invoiced when a screening test has a positive result, indicating the need for additional testing.

Any positive HCV screening test will be automatically reflexed to North Dakota for an RNA test. Any HIV positive screening test should be confirmed through the WPHL or other laboratory used by the facility.

Provider/Staff Responsibilities

Providers and/or staff are responsible for logging into www.knowyo.org, verifying voucher codes, recording the tests provided, and redeeming the voucher within the system. Voucher information should be entered in real-time within the system. Invoices will automatically be generated by the system at the end of each month and sent on to the CDU for processing.

Reporting

Voucher sites must use PRISM for all reporting of STDs, HIV, and viral hepatitis. All results must be entered within the timeline specified in the Wyoming Department of Health Reportable Disease and Conditions (<https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017ReportableList.pdf>).

When entering an HIV test on a patient that tested positive for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis, or HIV, it is required that you enter all information pertaining to that patient in one profile. HIV results may not be entered in an anonymous profile. Non-compliance with reporting requirements may result in a delays for reimbursements.

Funding Limitations

Voucher sites are strictly prohibited from using a voucher in addition to public insurance, private insurance, or other third party payer options. Vouchers may not be used for screening as a condition of employment, employee health, evidence of insurability, immigration, obtaining a marriage license, assessing vaccination status, or admission into hospitals or schools. Patients indicating financial hardship must be aware of all payment options at the voucher site to include vouchers, sliding fee scales, payment plans, and financial assistance.

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