



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, educates patients on risks, how to access condoms, and where they can access testing. Testing sites generate and redeem vouchers to receive reimbursement for testing conducted under the program.

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
2. Insured

Vouchers will display patient insurance status. The ability to redeem specific tests will vary by insurance status, which is detailed in the reimbursement tables on page 2.

The program may agree to reimburse testing for special circumstances (i.e. non-Wyoming residents, insured minors, etc.) 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.

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 **all required data** into PRISM
7. Agree to adhere to the CDU Voucher Reimbursement Guidance
8. Have patients complete the Communicable Disease Risk Assessment or a similar risk assessment prior to testing
9. Completion of State of Wyoming vendor paperwork

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10. 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
11. Obtain access to www.knowyo.org backend and complete voucher reimbursement training

Site Administration Fees

Patients who present with a voucher may not be turned away for inability to pay. 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.

Reimbursements

The following table details the reimbursements available to sites for testing based on the insurance status of the patient. 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.

Uninsured Patients	
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)

Insured Patients	
Screening Test	Reimbursement Rate
Rapid HIV test	\$15.00
HIV Confirmatory test*	\$45.00
Syphilis	\$0.00 (WPHL does not charge for syphilis testing)
<p>Chlamydia, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C testing are not covered under the voucher program for insured patients. The CDU recommends that insured patients be charged for the laboratory fees associated with tests not covered under the voucher program.</p>	

*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 for an RNA test. Any HIV positive screening test should be confirmed through the WPHL or other laboratory used by the facility.

Provider and Staff Responsibilities

Providers or staff are responsible for logging into www.knowyo.org, 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

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>). Negative HIV rapid tests must be entered into PRISM within one week of the test date with all required fields completed, as indicated in the PRISM manual (<https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PRISM-Manual-no-quick-steps.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 delays for reimbursements.

In addition to PRISM required variables, sites are now required to complete sexual orientation and gender identity for each patient.

Please note: All tasks on a facility task list must have all required information and be task completed within two weeks of assignment in PRISM.

Funding Limitations

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.

Audits

The CDU reserves the right to audit facility charts to ensure program funds are being allocated appropriately. If it is determined that program funds have been allocated inappropriately, reimbursement for those funds may be requested by the CDU.