

Tuberculosis Program Patient Assistance Guidance

Introduction

Patient assistance to support tuberculosis (TB) testing and treatment for individuals within Wyoming may be available from The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) Tuberculosis Program based on available funding.

TB Diagnostic Services

Patient Eligibility

Available funding will be prioritized for uninsured patients with a high risk of TB and an inability to cover the cost of TB service(s). The patient must have:

- 1. an address within the State of Wyoming
- 2. risk for TB
- 3. financial need: the WDH CDU TB Program is the payor of last resort

Eligible Services

All TB Program services require a completed <u>prior authorization request form</u> submission to the CDU TB Program and approval by the CDU TB Program before they are provided. Completed prior authorization forms may be submitted for approval via e-mail at <u>cdu.treatment@wyo.gov</u> or fax at 307-777-5279 ATTN: TB Program. Please allow seven business days for prior authorization determination. **If active TB disease is suspected and immediate prior authorization is needed, contact the WDH CDU TB Controller at (307)** 777-6563.

Eligible TB diagnostic services:

- Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)
- Chest X-Ray (single or two view)
- Liver Function Test (LFT)

Other diagnostic TB services may be authorized on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the WDH CDU TB Program.

Billing for TB Program Prior Authorized Services

All claims for prior authorized services must be submitted in accordance with the billing instructions on the prior authorization form, including correct submission **before** the prior authorization expiration date.

TB Medication Assistance

Eligible TB Medication Regimens

CDC-recommended TB treatment regimens

Patient Eligibility

Available funding will be prioritized for uninsured patients who are unable to cover the cost of TB medication(s). The patient must have:

- 1. an address within the State of Wyoming
- 2. a diagnosis of latent or active TB
- 3. financial need: the WDH CDU TB Program is the payor of last resort

Provider Responsibilities

Healthcare providers overseeing the TB treatment of a patient must submit a completed patient TB risk assessment, copies of all relevant diagnostic results (TST, IGRA, CXR, LFTs, sputum, etc.), and a copy of the TB medication prescription(s). Please ensure that patient insurance status is accurately selected on the patient TB risk assessment to ensure correct financial coverage of treatment when TB Program staff enrolls the patient in the TB Medication Assistance Program. Enrollment documents can be submitted by e-mail at cdu.treatment@wyo.gov or fax at (307) 777-5279 **ATTN: TB Program**.

The healthcare provider who facilitates a patient's enrollment in the TB Medication Assistance Program must remain in contact with the patient throughout their TB treatment. The healthcare provider is considered the TB case manager by the WDH CDU TB Program and will be contacted by program staff on a routine basis for progress updates on the patient's TB treatment. If there is a change in provider or patient status, such as the patient moving or the provider leaving a facility, the change should be communicated to the TB program as soon as possible.

Completion or discontinuation of TB medications covered through the WDH CDU TB Program must be reported to the WDH CDU TB Program on the <u>TB Treatment Completion</u> form and submitted via email at <u>cdu.treatment@wyo.gov</u> or fax at (307) 777-5279 **ATTN: TB Program**.

Billing for TB Medications

All claims for approved TB medications must be correctly submitted before the authorized expiration date.

Availability of Funding

All WDH CDU TB Program services are subject to funding availability.

Resources

Wyoming Medicaid Active Tuberculosis Program

Patients in Wyoming with **active** tuberculosis may be eligible for the Wyoming Medicaid **Active** Tuberculosis Program. For more information on this program, see the <u>Wyoming Medicaid website</u> or contact Medicaid directly.

CDU TB Program Resources

WDH CDU TB website

For questions not addressed on the WDH CDU TB website, please email <u>cdu.treatment@wyo.gov</u> or call (307) 777-6563.