Program Resources
Homeless Incentive and Prevention Program
(HIP)

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2013 TB/Refugee Nurse Training

Areas of Assistance

- Food
- Rent/Mortgage
- Drug Co-pay
- Special Assistance
- Motel

Food

- Approvals are granted for one calendar month
  - Must meet certain criteria (See HIP Manual)
  - Isolation is not necessary
- Max is $150.00
- Checks must be made to a HCW
  - Never made to a patient
- Funds must be used for consumable food
  - Food receipts should be retained in the patient's chart and are necessary for further approvals
  - Do not fax food receipts to TB Control

Special Assistance

- Approvals are considered on a case by case basis
  - Must contribute to compliance, medical management, or benefit both the patient and the program
- Approvals are subject to availability of funds
- Checks may be made to anyone
- Receipts
  - Must be retained in the chart
  - Must be faxed to TB Control

Rent/Mortgage

- Approvals are granted for one calendar month
  - Must meet certain criteria (See HIP Manual)
  - Isolation is necessary
- There is no maximum amount
  - Subject to available funds
  - May only approve partial payment
- Checks must be made to a Landlord/Mortgage Co.
- No receipts or rental agreements are necessary
  - Lease agreement or Mortgage should be reviewed at the local level and documented in the chart prior to making a request

Drug Co-Pay to the Patient

- Approvals are not limited except
  - Must be a patient
- Reimbursements are based on co-pay amount **or** per pill price set by state pharmacy
  - Whichever is lower (Usually only an issue w/INH)
- Checks may be made to the patient
- Receipts must be **faxed** to TB Control
  - Must show total amount paid
  - Must show number of pills purchased
  - Must show date prescription was obtained

Motel

- Approvals are considered on a case by case basis
  - Must meet all criteria including isolation (See HIP Manual)
  - Price and process should be negotiated at local level with motel manager
  - HIP Program manager and motel manager must agree on price and process
- Motel must provide invoices to VDH for payment
  - Mail or fax invoices to HIP Program manager
  - VDH will not give a credit card number to be retained by motel
- Direct Bill may be available
  - Set up through VDH fiscal Dept. and motel
  - Invoices get routed through TB Control

Questions?

Resources and Assistance for District Programs

Other Items

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Shortages

- PPD Solution
  - National shortage continues
  - Situation improving – restrictions may be revised soon
  - Current adjustments to current usage
    - Cases/suspects – use IGRA
    - Contacts – PPD unless IGRA used first round
    - **ALL OTHERS** for any other purpose – Screening or IGRA
    - Limited TB Control support for T-Spot payment

Shortages

- INH
  - Supplies adequate for needs at current time
  - Return to normal usage of INH for 9 months for treatment of LTBI
- Rifapentine still available for 12 week treatment
  - Free rifapentine likely to end by 12/31/13
  - Anyone who starts free rifapentine will be guaranteed completion with free rifapentine

Shortages

- Other TB drugs
  - No issues currently with other first line drugs
  - Shortages of second line drugs remain problematic

Second Line TB Drugs

- TB Control has funding to pay for second line TB drugs
  - Nurse case manage calls TB control to request assistance
    - Drug resistance
    - Unable to take first line due to side effects or toxicity
  - TB Control notifies Pharmacy and district of authorization
    - TB Control and not district billed for meds
    - Patient should not receive a bill
    - Fairfax process slightly different

Drug Co-Pays to the District

- Districts may be able to be reimbursed for the patient portion of charges for TB meds
  - If "A" patient – no reimbursement possible
  - If "B" patient – district responsible for 90%, TB Control can pay 10% - the patient portion
- Requires completed financial eligibility
- Call Debbie Staley for process and requirements
    - 804-864-7972

Serum Drug Levels

- Serum drug levels recommended for all newly diagnosed cases with diabetes
  - 1st several weeks of treatment
  - INH and rifampin only
- Available for slow responders
  - If still smear positive by 6-8 weeks, nurse case manager should **call TB Control!**
- Labor intensive process
  - Attention to details important!

Questions?