Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Division of Tuberculosis and Newcomer Health(DTBNH)
TB Drug Assistance Program

Background

Limited funding is available to purchase medications for individuals who have tuberculosis, do not qualify for free or reduced prescription drugs, and do not have adequate income or insurance coverage to purchase the required prescription drugs. This funding is used to cover the client portion of the drug charges. The funds cannot not be used to offset the local health district's (LHD) share of costs for medications.

Reimbursement Procedure

1. Both confirmed and suspect cases are eligible to participate in the program.

2. All clients enrolled in the TB drug program must participate in directly observed therapy (DOT) and be case managed by the LHD regardless of the source of medical care.

3. The LHD completes the VDH financial eligibility process and makes a determination that the patient qualifies for assistance. No further prior approval is required for participation in the program.

4. LHD case managers maintain documentation that demonstrates patient eligibility for the TB Drug Assistance Program (i.e. VDH financial eligibility and culture reports, x-ray reports or other documentation supporting the diagnosis of suspected or confirmed active tuberculosis)

5. LHDs may submit agency transfer vouchers (or invoices from independent districts) for reimbursement of the patient portion of treatment. Invoices should be submitted to DDP-TB Control monthly along with Webvision printouts for each individual client detailing the drugs provided and the charges. Documents should be mailed to DDP-TB Control at 109 Governor Street, Room 326, Richmond, VA 23219.

6. Requests for assistance with client co-pays for those with private insurance will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Requests may be made to TB Control at 804-864-7906 (phone) or 804-371-0248 (fax).