Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Division of Tuberculosis and Newcomer Health(DTBNH)
TB Drug Assistance Program for Clients with Drug Resistant Disease

Background

Limited funding is available to purchase medications and supplies for individuals who have drug-resistant tuberculosis and require treatment with second-line antimicrobial agents.

Procedure

1. Only cases with drug susceptibility results documenting resistance to one or more of the standard anti-tuberculosis medications or who have other medical conditions requiring the use of more expensive second line drugs are eligible to participate in the program.

2. All clients enrolled in the TB drug assistance program for patients needing second line drugs must participate in directly observed therapy (DOT) and be case managed by the local health district (LHD) regardless of the source of medical care.

3. Requests for assistance for un-insured clients needing second line drugs will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

4. The State Pharmacy in Richmond will fill all prescriptions for clients needing second line drugs except in independent districts with local pharmacies.

    a. The LHD should complete the LHS-181 to order medications through this program.
    b. In the top right corner under “Program” enter “TB Drug Resistance”

    Prescriptions filled through the program will have no cost to the client or district other than normal pharmacy shipping charges.

    Independent districts may submit invoices with appropriate documentation for reimbursement of medication costs for clients approved for program participation.

5. Requests for assistance with client co-pays for those with private insurance will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

6. All requests for assistance should be made to TB Control at 804-864-7906 (phone) or 804-371-0248 (fax).