

**Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Division of Disease Prevention (DDP)
TB Drug Assistance Program for Patients with Drug Resistant Disease**

Background

During the 2005 General Assembly session funding was appropriated 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 patients 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 LHD regardless of the source of medical care.
3. Requests for assistance for un-insured patients needing second line drugs will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Requests for approval for participation in the program may be made to Dr. Peg Tipple or Ms. Jane Moore at 804-864-7906 (phone) or 804-371-0248 (fax).
4. The State Pharmacy in Richmond will fill all prescriptions for patients needing second line drugs.
 - 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"
 - c. In the remarks section, under cost code, enter "603"
 - d. In the remarks section, under FIPS code, enter local department FIPS code
 - e. In the remarks section, under PSD code, enter "G"

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

5. Requests for assistance with patient co-pays for those with private insurance will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Requests may be made to Dr. Peg Tipple or Ms. Jane Moore at 804-864-7906 (phone) or 804-371-0248 (fax).