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To: Wisconsin Local Health Departments

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Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program

Automatic refills for latent tuberculosis infection medications through Skywalk Pharmacy and the Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program

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Summary

Starting March 1, 2018, medications for treatment of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) filled through Skywalk Pharmacy, including isoniazid, rifampin, rifapentine, multivitamins and vitamin B6, will be automatically refilled and sent to the Local Health Department (LHD) or health care facility. LHDs will no longer need to request refills through the Wisconsin Tuberculosis (TB) Dispensary Program.

Ordering medications through the Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program and Skywalk Pharmacy

The procedures for ordering LTBI medications through Skywalk Pharmacy and the Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program will remain the same.

- LHDs will upload the completed and signed Tuberculosis Infection Initial Request for Medication form, F-00905 into the patient's file cabinet in the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System.
- LHDs will change the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System process status, on the investigation tab, to "new medication order."
- The Wisconsin TB Program will review and approve the entire course of LTBI therapy and send the prescription to Skywalk Pharmacy.
- Skywalk Pharmacy will automatically refill and deliver the medications as they are due for the duration of therapy.

Drugs eligible for the automatic refills

Skywalk Pharmacy will only send automatic refills for patients being treated for LTBI when the medication is in pill form. Medications for active TB disease and liquid or compounded medications will not be eligible for automatic refills. Window prophylaxis medications are also not eligible.

Discontinuing automatic refills for a patient

Please call Skywalk Pharmacy directly at 414-337-3333:

- If automatic refills are not needed for LTBI patients (for example, the patient has discontinued medications or a change in medications has been ordered).
- If medication refills are needed for active TB disease, or liquid or compounded medications will be used.
- If therapy was put on hold and needs to be restarted.

Returning unused medications to Skywalk Pharmacy

Unused medications can be returned to Skywalk Pharmacy provided that these specific conditions are satisfied:

- Skywalk was the original dispensing pharmacy.
- Medications are unopened:
 - Prescriptions vials must have original red tamper evident seals (for example, isoniazid).
 - Prescription boxes and packets must be unopened (for example, rifapentine).
- The medication is not a liquid or compound.
- The patient label is on the medication.
- The medication is not expired and has a minimum of three months or 90 days remaining beyond the use date or expiration date, whichever is earlier.
- The LHD has implemented policies and procedures for the appropriate storage and handling of medications, and for the transfer, receipt, and security of medications returned to the pharmacy.

Medications that cannot be returned to the pharmacy include:

- Medications that have been delivered to the patient.
- Medication bottles that have been opened, handled, or exposed to the environment.
- Temperature-sensitive medications or any medications requiring refrigeration.
- Compounded or reconstituted medications.
- Medications that may have had their integrity, packaging, or labeling compromised (for example, through environmental damage such as water, crushing, a broken seal, or a torn or marked label).

Procedure for packaging and shipping medications for return to Skywalk Pharmacy

- Call Skywalk Pharmacy to notify them you will be returning unused medications by calling 414-337-3333.
- Package medications in a sturdy cardboard box. Using the original packing materials is optimal.
- Ship medications using any shipping method. All shipping methods are acceptable. The LHD will be responsible for the cost of shipping when returning unused medications to Skywalk Pharmacy.
- Ship medications to:
Skywalk Pharmacy-West Allis
6737 W Washington St, Suite 1100
West Allis, WI 53214
Phone: 414-337-3333
- Once the medications are received by Skywalk Pharmacy, the pharmacist will examine the drugs to see if the above return criteria are met.
 - If returns are accepted, the Skywalk Pharmacy billing specialist will refund accordingly.
 - If returns are not accepted, the returned medications will be disposed of appropriately.

Contact information for Skywalk Pharmacy

- Pharmacist Joy McChesney: 414-337-3339
- Technician Colette Zlomaniec: 414-337-3336
- Skywalk Pharmacy General Line: 414-337-3333
- Skywalk Pharmacy Fax: 414-337-3338

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<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/tb/index.htm>

Tuberculosis Infection Initial Request for Medications form (F-00905)

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/tb/forms.htm>