



Chapter 15: Supplies, Materials, and Services

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Introduction

Use this chapter to find out what resources are available and how to access them.

The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program has resources available to assist local agencies. The following tables explain the resources that are available and how to obtain them:

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For information on obtaining laboratory tests, see the [Laboratory Services](#) chapter.

Mantoux tuberculin skin testing supplies

The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program may reimburse expenses for TB skin testing for clients being screened for active tuberculosis or latent TB infection. Reimbursement is set at current Medicaid rates.

Table 15.1: Mantoux tuberculin skin testing supplies

Availability and cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wisconsin TB Program does not cover supplies for Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Testing Supplies testing.• There are no standing orders for Mantoux Tuberculin Skin testing in Wisconsin. Each individual jurisdiction offering these services should have their own medical director issue standing orders as appropriate.
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Interferon gamma release assay supplies

The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program may reimburse expenses for interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) testing for clients being screened for active tuberculosis or latent TB infection. Reimbursement is set at current Medicaid rates.

Table 15.2: Interferon gamma release assay supplies

Availability and cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program does not offer IGRA supplies.• There are no standing orders for IGRA testing in the state of Wisconsin. Individual jurisdictions offering these services should have their own medical director issue standing orders as appropriate.
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Chest radiographs

The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program will reimburse expenses for chest x-rays for clients with active tuberculosis and those being screened for active tuberculosis. Reimbursement cannot exceed current Medicaid rates.

The State of Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program does not have a standing order for chest x-rays. Jurisdictions should consult with their medical director for orders for chest x-rays or consult with the physician handling the client's care.

Sputum specimen collection and shipment supplies

Table 15.3: Sputum specimen collection and shipment supplies

Availability and cost	The state TB program provides the following sputum specimen collection and shipment supplies at no charge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimen containers• Packaging for shipment• Please contact the Wisconsin TB Program if you need specialty supplies.
How to obtain	To order these supplies: Contact the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene's Customer Service line at 800-862-1013.
Time	Supplies can be delivered within 2–3 business days from the receipt of the request.

Tuberculosis dispensary program

Table 15.4: Financial programs overview

<p>Dispensary program</p>	<p>The primary purpose of the Wisconsin Tuberculosis (TB) Dispensary is to ensure that all people in Wisconsin with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis infection or disease can receive appropriate evaluation, treatment, and monitoring, regardless of insurance availability.</p> <p>The Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program uses state tax revenue funds to reimburse local health departments for medical care of patients with active TB, patients being evaluated for TB, patients with latent TB infection (LTBI), and patients exposed to TB.</p> <p>Local health departments must have a contract in place with the Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program before reimbursement can occur.</p>
<p>Services not covered</p>	<p>By Wisconsin statute, the Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program is the payer of last resort. The following people and services are not covered by the Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with private or public insurance • Hospitalizations • Testing for employment or admission to a correctional or long-term care facility • Testing or evaluation of TB Class B status refugees (refugees receive Medicaid upon arrival) <p>Every year (approximately May), the Wisconsin TB program sends dispensary contracts out to qualified local health departments.</p> <p>Representatives from the local health department must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read TB Dispensary program Policies and Procedures (Attachment F). • Complete the contract, including the Clinical Services Plan (Attachment B) and the Pharmacy Services Plan (Attachment D). • Return the signed contract through DocuSign.
<p>Summary of covered expenses</p>	<p>Reimbursable services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medications for TB disease or latent TB infection (LTBI). • Diagnostic testing. • Laboratory tests. • Chest radiography. • Sputum collection. • Medical evaluation by providers. <p>See Covered Clinical Services (Attachment A) in your local health department's Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program contract for list of covered services.</p> <p>If seeking coverage for a service not listed on Attachment A, the local health department must fill out and submit a pre-authorization request in the TB Ordering</p>

	and Billing Interface (TOBI).
Required access (WEDSS and TOBI)	Invoices must be submitted by TOBI. Local health departments will need login access to the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) and must have a Wisconsin TB Dispensary Program contract in place before access to TOBI is granted.
Important links	Financial Assistance for TB or LTBI- Fact Sheet Tuberculosis Ordering and Billing Interface system

Antituberculosis medications

Table 15.5: Antituberculosis medications

Availability and cost	<p>In the following circumstances:</p> <p>The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Dispensary reimburses for TB medication for all people with active TB and LTBI medications for people who are not insured, or who are under-insured, or to whom deductibles or copays would present a hardship to the client and be a barrier to treatment.</p> <p>The state TB program provides the following antituberculosis medications at no charge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isoniazid (INH) • Rifampin (RIF) • Rifapentine (RPT) • Ethambutol (EMB) • Pyrazinamide (PZA) • Moxifloxacin/ levofloxacin • Non-TB medications essential to TB therapy and recovery (if on IRM form and processed via dispensary pharmacy) • Other drugs as needed on an individual basis- contact the Wisconsin TB Program at 608-261-6319 to discuss these situations. <p>Note: Pyridoxine (vitamin B-6) is also provided to patients who have conditions associated with neuropathy such as nutritional deficiency, diabetes, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, renal failure, alcoholism, and pregnant/ breastfeeding women. Second-line antituberculosis medications are provided for patients with drug-resistant TB.</p>
How to obtain	<p>To order antituberculosis medications from the state TB program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Tuberculosis disease, complete the Tuberculosis Disease Initial Request for Medication form. • To request refills for Tuberculosis disease, complete the Medication Refill

	<p>Request form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For non-compounded LTBI medications, refills are automatically processed and sent, you do not need to submit a refill request unless there is a change to the client’s regimen. • Send the form(s) by fax to 608-266-0049, or upload to the patient’s record in WEDSS and email the Wisconsin TB Program. • Medications will be dispensed by Aurora Pharmacy and sent to the local or Tribal health department. Prescriptions may also be sent to approved pharmacies to be filled. Minimum inventories will be maintained at each pharmacy to allow sufficient access for patients. <p>Note: Local health care agencies may wish to establish a relationship with a local pharmacy to provide dispensing services.</p>
<p>Time</p>	<p>Medications for active TB will be shipped within 2 business days of receipt of request, typically. LTBI medication orders may take longer, please allow 1–2 weeks for shipment of these medications. Please contact the Wisconsin TB Program if you have questions about the status of a medication request. Do not contact the state dispensary or Aurora directly. All inquiries and logistical questions about medications supplied by the dispensary pharmacy should be directed through the state TB program.</p>

The Wisconsin TB treatment assistance program

The purpose of the Wisconsin TB Treatment Assistance Program is to encourage and support clients through the completion of tuberculosis and LTBI treatment. It provides funding to local and Tribal health departments to purchase incentives and enablers.

Table 15.6: Incentives and enablers

<p>Availability and cost</p>	<p>The state TB program will reimburse the funds (maximum of \$200.00 for ACTIVE TB disease or \$50.00 for LTBI) for the following incentives and enablers:</p>
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	<p>Incentives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and beverages Clothing Automotive supplies Hobby or craft items Household items Laundry services Seasonal or holiday treats Movie passes Restaurant and fast-food vouchers Toys Personal care items 	<p>Enablers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation (bus pass, cab fare, car battery, gas) Rent assistance Childcare Obtaining and shipping specimens for the patient Assisting the patient with getting medication refills Assisting the patient with completing paperwork to get food and housing assistance Assisting the patient with getting substance treatment
How to obtain	<p>To request funds for incentives and enablers from the state TB program: Complete the Tuberculosis (TB) Treatment Assistance Program - Request for Reimbursement form.</p> <p>Send the form by fax to 608-266-0049 or by email to DHSWITBProgram@dhs.wisconsin.gov.</p> <p>** We may approve amounts over the limits stated above in special circumstances. Please contact the Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program staff to discuss any requests that will be over the maximum limits stated above.</p>	
Time	<p>If approved, funds will be provided typically within 30–45 days from the receipt of the request.</p>	

Medical interpretation services

Table 15.7: Medical interpretation services

Availability and cost	<p>The state TB program does not provide reimbursement for medical interpretation services.</p>
How to obtain	<p>The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program does not provide interpretation services. Agencies should contract with their own medical interpretation service vendors.</p> <p>To create your department’s list of medical interpretation services, it may be helpful to review resources from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow pages under "Translators and Interpreters" • Medicaid-funded interpreters • State refugee services program • Local community organizations

Health care staff training and education

There are many trainings and educational opportunities available at no cost. The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program highly recommends that staff working with tuberculosis and latent tuberculosis infection complete the following:

- [TB Webinar Series](#) from the Wisconsin Department of Health's Tuberculosis Program
- Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center's [IGRA for Nurses](#) webinar
- Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program's [Nurse Case Management for Active Tuberculosis Disease](#)
- [Self-Study Modules on Tuberculosis](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CDC's [Core Curriculum on Tuberculosis: What Clinicians Should Know](#)
- [Directly Observed Therapy Training Curriculum for TB Control Programs](#) from Curry International Tuberculosis Center

Additional training opportunities

The Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program and Wisconsin's regional Tuberculosis Center of Excellence (COE), Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (MCCT), offer training opportunities throughout the year. Please be sure you are signed up for the mailing list to be notified of upcoming training opportunities. To sign up for the mailing list email: tbcenter@mayo.edu.