

Tuberculosis Drug Assistance Program (TDAP): Frequently Asked Questions

How does TDAP work?

- When patients are identified by designated Tuberculosis outpatient services providers and prescribed Tuberculosis medicines, they are directed to designated pharmacies where they can pick up their Tuberculosis-related medicines at no cost.
- TDAP is a program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) that is administered by CRI.

Who is eligible for TDAP?

- Patients who are being treated by a clinician/facility in Massachusetts linked to a specific TDAP pharmacy are eligible.
- Patients do not have to complete an application or fulfill any eligibility criteria (such as income level or immigration status). U.S. citizenship is not required to access the program.

What if the patient has insurance?

- Insurance will be billed first for Tuberculosis medicines. Out-of-pocket expenses (co-pays, deductibles, etc.) and prescriptions that are not covered by insurance will be covered by TDAP. The patient does not pay for Tuberculosis medicines.
- Insured patients will need to provide health insurance information to their Tuberculosis outpatient services provider and pharmacy.

What if the patient does not have insurance?

- TDAP will cover the full cost of all Tuberculosis-related prescriptions.

What does the patient do when they go to the pharmacy?

- The prescriber may give the patient a TDAP card or ticket, which they will bring to the pharmacy.
- The patient will pick up their medicines at the designated pharmacy for Tuberculosis outpatient services.
- The pharmacy will provide the patient with medicine and will require no payment at the time of pick-up.
- The pharmacy will provide CRI/TDAP with the patient information necessary to enroll the patient in TDAP and receive a TDAP ID number.

What if the patient's insurance requires prior authorization for a medicine?

- The prescriber should submit the prior authorization request as per the insurer's requirements and the clinical site's usual procedures.
- If medically necessary, TDAP will cover the cost of the medicine while the prior authorization request application and approval are pending.
- When the prior authorization request has been approved, the prescriber should notify their TDAP pharmacist as soon as possible.

What if the patient's insurance has a 90-day prescription-fill requirement?

- If a waiver or exception is not available from the insurer, TDAP can cover the full cost of medicines.
- The TDAP pharmacist will request full coverage from CRI/TDAP.

What if the patient has an urgent, time-sensitive, or travel-related medicine need?

- Please alert the TDAP pharmacist, who will contact TDAP staff as soon as possible.
- All sites should refer to the TDAP Early Fill Request Procedure document for guidance.

What if the patient is co-infected with HIV?

- For patients already enrolled in the HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP), Tuberculosis medications are to be billed through HDAP. Patients who wish to enroll in HDAP or find more information can do so at: www.crihealth.org/hdap.
- TDAP cannot cover the cost of any medication outside of the TDAP formulary, including HIV medication.