

Maine CDC's TB Program

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease that can be treated and cured. As TB cases and rates are increasing, the State of Maine TB Program has put out the following guidance in an effort to reach the most people with our funds. The TB Program is a flat funded program with the goal of helping all Mainers receive care for tuberculosis.

When to request payment from State of Maine TB Program

TB helps offset payments for the uninsured and/or underinsured TB patients who reside in Maine. All claims should be billed through the patient's primary and secondary insurance plans before being submitted to the program.

Patient has insurance

All bills go through patient insurance.



Insurance pays an amount that is equal to or greater than the MaineCare rates.



TB Program does not apply.

Patient is underinsured

All bills go through patient insurance first.



Insurance pays less than the MaineCare rates, TB Program pays the difference up to the MaineCare rates. This includes helping to pay toward a deductible.



An explanation of benefits from the insurance company is needed.

Patient is uninsured

TB Program will pay for TB related care up to the MaineCare rates.

MaineCare Rates and Codes

In order to bill the TB Program, facilities need to use appropriate CPT codes from the UCR list on the MaineCare website. The TB Program may reject requests without CPT codes. Bills may take up to 30 days of processing time.

The TB Program will only pay for necessary tuberculosis related care as the payer of last resort.

Named Close Contacts

TB Program will pay for the following up to two times within a 10 week period:

- Diagnostic Test (TST or IGRA)
- Chest X-Ray
- Doctor's visit

Active TB

TB Program will pay for TB related care for the duration of treatment.

Once diagnosed, the TB Program can pay for related care that includes:

- medications
- doctor's visits and follow up appointments
- any procedures or care related to TB treatment

Non-pulmonary or military TB

In addition to everything listed under Active TB, the TB Program may pay for related care on a case by case basis as some services may be necessary. Examples include:

- eye exams
- physical therapy
- additional x-rays

An explanation of why additional services are needed and how they are related to the patients TB care is required.

Inactive TB (formerly LTBI)

TB Program will pay for medications for the duration of treatment.

TB Program will pay for the first office visit to get on treatment.

The TB Program pays for medications listed on the formulary.

If a medication is needed outside this list, approval from a Maine CDC TB Consultant is necessary. Once approved it can be added to the specific patient formulary.

Standard of Care the TB Program will pay for:

- Diagnostic tests up to 6 months prior to enrollment date.
- One-time pregnancy test before starting treatment.
- One-time eye exam prior to treatment; subsequent eye exams if eye problems occur due to TB related medications.
- For hospitalized patients: Room and Board and the procedures and care related to TB. The TB Program will not pay for unrelated or additional procedures during the same stay.

The TB Program will not pay for:

- Insurance copays
- Vaccinations
- STI testing
- Coincidental hospital procedures while undergoing TB treatment
- Procedures, treatments, or tests unrelated to TB
- Surveillance imaging after completion of treatment

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