Bedaquiline (BDQ), a medication used to treat some types of drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB), is a non-first line oral anti-TB medication. This medication is typically prescribed for at least six months of therapy.

The outpatient ordering process is different from other medications that are available through the DSHS Pharmacy Branch via ITEAMS, and additional planning and preparation are required. This medication is very costly, and therefore DSHS will work with local and regional health departments to obtain the medication through no-cost assistance programs. Ordering BDQ from DSHS will be allowed only as a last resort.

There are several steps needed to obtain BDQ which are outlined in this document.

### Planning and Preparation

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<td>• If patient was started on BDQ while at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID), they will be provided <strong>two weeks</strong> of BDQ at discharge. • Medication will be mailed to the health department prior to patient’s discharge.</td>
<td>• Notify DSHS TB and Hansen’s Disease Nurse Consultant when BDQ is prescribed. • See Texas TB Work Plan for information on requesting second line medications: [dshs.texas.gov/idcu/disease/tb /policies/](dshs.texas.gov/idcu/disease/tb /policies/)</td>
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**Step 1: Notify the TB and Hansen’s Disease Branch when BDQ is prescribed.**

Email the DSHS DR-TB Monitoring Program nurse consultant a request for BDQ with the answers to the following questions *(for Binational TB Program clients, skip to page 7):*

1. Name of prescribing physician: *(must be a DSHS physician or physician working directly with the health department)*
2. Name of consulting physician: *(must be a DSHS-recognized medical TB consultant unless recent TCID discharge)*
3. Name of program requesting the medication/program contact (with best contact phone numbers):
4. Describe plan of care for client access to routine follow up, including but not limited to, ECGs:
5. Is the patient insured or uninsured? Specify:

*After emailing the answers above, send securely a copy of the consult or discharge summary (if applicable) to the TB and Hansen’s Disease Branch Nurse Consultant.*

Once approved, an email will be sent to the program contact (the person listed in #3 above) instructing the health department to order BDQ from DSHS pharmacy.

**Step 2: Order BDQ from ITEAMS.**

BDQ may be obtained from DSHS for short-term use while the local or regional TB program is pursuing other client coverage options.

1. Fill out the Metro Medical Solutions (MMS) *Sirturo Prescription Order Form* (sample form on page 8) and fax it to the DSHS Pharmacy Branch at: **Fax 512-776-7489, Phone: 512-776-7500.** *(Note: This form will be emailed to the requestor once approved by the TB Branch Nurse Consultant. It only needs to be sent to pharmacy once).*

2. Order in one-week supply increments. Ensure medication order is verified and request only the number of doses needed per week. *(Note: Ensure that patient ID# and specific instructions are noted in ITEAMS regarding how the patient should take the medication).*
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Step 3: Pursue Patient Assistance Options.
Knowing whether the patient is insured or uninsured will guide which patient assistance program local and regional TB programs may pursue.

Patient is Insured
- Pursue BDQ from Metro Medical Solutions (MMS)
  - Follow Step 3a

Patient is Uninsured
- Pursue BDQ from the Johnson and Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF)
  - Follow Step 3b

Patient is Binational
- Regardless of insurance status, binational patients have a separate process
  - Follow Step 3d

Manage Co-Pays

Pursue co-pay costs via the Janssen CarePath program, if applicable
  - Follow Step 3c

JJPAF will provide the medication with no co-pay cost
  - Follow Step 3c
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**Step 3a: Request BDQ from Metro Medical Solutions (MMS).**

Ensure patient is covered through a private or state insurance program (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid) and document coverage prior to initiating this process. After verification, the steps for requesting from Metro Medical Solutions are the same regardless of insurance type.

**Privately Insured Patients**

Programs may be asked to provide justification that drug resistance is a public health issue, describe why the patient is being treated by the public health program, and must be prepared to justify why bedaquiline is the drug of choice.

**Medicare/Medicaid Insured Patients**

Medicare may require that patient meets a deductible and some plans may require pre-authorization. If needed, request expedited review based on DR-TB status. NOTE: If patient is charged a deductible/co-pay, do not continue with MMS (see #5, below).

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1. **Call MMS (855-691-0963).** Provide the following:
   - Demographic information
   - Insurance information
   - Prescribers National Provider Identifier (NPI)

2. **Complete a MMS Sirturo order form and fax to MMS.**
   - Fax#: 615-312-9903

3. **MMS will contact insurance company.** Coverage and co-pays will be determined.

4. **Response will be shared with patient’s clinical team.** Contact MMS if no response in 3 days.
   - *If rejected, skip to #6*

5. **Private Insurance:** Co-pay assistance is available via Janssen’s CarePath program. See step 3c
   - **State Insurance:** If patient is charged co-pay, stop MMS application and move to JJPAF. See step 3b

6. **If BDQ is rejected by insurance, follow steps for JJPAF process, see step 3b.**
   - Write on application that BDQ was rejected by insurance company.

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### Step 3b: Request BDQ from the Johnson and Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF).

BDQ is provided at no cost to uninsured patients via JJPAF. It may also be available to insured patients who meet certain financial criteria and whose insurance does not cover the cost of BDQ.

| 1. **Download and complete the Patient Assistance Program Application located at:** |  
| jjpaf.org/resources/jjpaf-application.pdf | Ensure the following:  
| a. The patient signs the Patient Declaration (page 2 of application) and the prescribing physician signs the Prescription (page 3 of application).  
| b. Submit completed pages 2 and 3 and fax to Johnson and Johnson at: 1-888-526-5168.  
| c. Include supporting documentation showing rejection of insurance and/or out-of-pocket costs for the current year with the application to facilitate process, where applicable. See page 1 of the application for details.  
| **Note:** A social security number or a copy of a federal tax form are not necessary for Bedaquiline (Sirturo) requests  

| 2. **Await response.** |  
| a. Contact JJPAF if no response is received **within 2-3 days** of submitting application. This step is imperative as JJPAF is not responsible for contacting the submitter if the request is denied.  

| 3. **Once approved, requestor will be notified. JJPAF will provide the following information:** |  
| a. Retail card number (this number is also on the card that will be given to the patient)  
| b. Group number  
| c. BIN number  

| 4. **Complete a new MMS Sirturo Prescription Order Form.** This new form should be separate from the one sent to DSHS pharmacy while awaiting this approval, as the funding source will change to JJPAF. Fax to MMS at: 615-312-9903.  

| 5. **MMS will ship out supply via the two-day UPS service.** The medication will be mailed to the health department, not the patient.  

| 6. **Once BDQ is shipped, requestor will receive an email with tracking information.** |
Step 3c: Request co-pay coverage with Janssen’s CarePath Program.

This program has been identified as a resource for patients with private insurance who incur costs associated with co-pays. It will **not** apply for patients who have state insurance (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid). Up to $7,500 will be available for assisting TB patients through a co-pay card.

1. **Contact Janssen’s CarePath Program at:**
   1-855-846-5392
   *patient must be available to speak with representative.*

2. **Patient will receive an account number.**
   This number will be used for co-pays.

3. **Call and provide Metro Medical Solutions (MMS) the patient’s account number.**
   MMS Ph: 855-691-0963

4. **Once MMS receives the co-pay, medication will be shipped to the clinic.**
   Once medication has been approved and shipped, email with tracking information will be sent.
**Step 3d: Request BDQ for Binational (BN) Patients.**

BDQ may be available to BN patients managed by a DSHS Binational TB Program.

**Note:** Patients are not allowed to be given BDQ without approval from the COEFAR* or GANAFAR** (refer to #7, below). Do not submit answers until this approval has been obtained. Once approval has been obtained follow the steps below.

1. **Submit answers to the DR-TB Monitoring Program nurse consultant with the following responses:**
   1. Explain what qualifies this patient for care under the Binational TB Program *(check all that apply)*:
      - ☐ The client lives in Mexico but has relatives in the U.S.;
      - ☐ The client has dual residency in the U.S. and Mexico;
      - ☐ The client has contacts on both sides of the border, in the U.S. and Mexico
      - ☐ The client started treatment in the U.S. but returns to live in Mexico; or
      - ☐ The client is referred from the U.S. for treatment or follow-up in Mexico
   2. Name of U.S. prescribing physician: *(must be a DSHS physician or physician working directly with health department)*
   3. Name of Mexico’s TB program and physician:
   4. Name of consulting physician: *(must be a DSHS-recognized medical TB consultant)*
   5. Name of binational TB program requesting BDQ (with best contact phone numbers):
   6. Describe plan of care for client’s access to routine follow up, including but not limited to ECGs:
   7. Has the approval letter for BDQ use been verified by the Binational TB Program Officer? *(If not, contact the Binational TB Program Officer (BPO) for coordination.)*

2. **Once the approval letter is verified, the binational TB coordinator will notify Heartland National TB Center, the prescribing physician and the DSHS Nurse Consultant.**
   - Send securely a copy of the Heartland consult and approval letter to the TB and Hansen’s Disease Branch Nurse Consultant.

3. **Once all the above have been met, the DSHS Nurse Consultant will send an email with approval to proceed with ordering BDQ from ITEAMS:**
   1. Fill out the Metro Medical Solutions (MMS) *Sirturo Prescription Order Form* (Note: form will be emailed to requestor when approved).
   2. Fax the form to the DSHS Pharmacy Branch: **Fax: 512-776-7489  Phone: 512-776-7500**
   3. Order **1 month-supply** at a time. Notify Pharmacy Branch 1-2 weeks before next order is needed.

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*Drug resistant TB committee in Mexico, by state
**Mexico’s national advisory committee on drug resistant TB
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**Metro Medical Solutions (MMS) Sirturo Prescription Order Form**

(Contact DSHS for this form)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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**Prescription Order**

FAX TO: 615-312-9903

MMS Phone: 855-691-0963 (toll free); 615-312-9888 (local)

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**Drug Allergies:** Include client diagnosis here

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<td>24w/4 refills</td>
<td>Examples: Write entire Sirturo regimen, even if initial phase was completed at TCID</td>
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Prescriber Name: ___________________________  Prescriber Phone: ___________________________

Prescriber NPI: ___________________________  Prescriber Signature: ___________________________

**SHIPPING METHOD**

- [ ] 2nd Day Air
- [ ] (Standard Method)
- [ ] Overnight

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JJPAF application page 2

1. Patient Information
Fill out all patient information. If no SSN, leave blank.

2. Financial Information

Fill out all other information.

3. Healthcare Insurance Information
If patient is uninsured, check the box “No insurance”.

If client is insured but denied coverage write “Denied coverage” next to insurance type checked and attach supporting documentation (refer to page 1 of application).

Note: Insurance information must still be filled out if insurance coverage denied. Make sure to attach copy of insurance card.

4. Patient Declaration
Patients must read all statements, then sign and date.
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1. Prescription

   ICD Code: leave blank if UNK
   Name of Product: Write "Sirturo/bedaquiline"

   Note: If ordering daily supply, quantity and days’ supply should be reflected
   ex: quantity=68 pills
   days’ supply= 14 days

   Submit a separate page 3 anytime a change in prescription is made. For example, daily prescription and 3x week prescription need to be submitted separately. Do not send in together.

2. HCP Information

   Health Department Physician information here. Include
   health department address so bedaquiline is shipped directly
to the health department.

   DO NOT fill out this section, medication must be mailed
to contact in above section.

3. HCP Authorization

   Prescribing health department physician signs
   and dates here.
Contacts and Resources

Client Assistance Programs for BDQ

- **Metro Medical Central Contact**, Phone: 855-691-0963
  metromedical.com

- **Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF)**, Phone: 800-652-6227
  jjpaf.org

- **Janssen CarePath**, Phone: 855-846-5392
  janssencarepath.com/hcp

Additional Resources

- **Sirturo Product Guide**

- **TB Controllers Bedaquiline Access Guide**
  tbcontrollers.org/docs/bedaquiline/Bedaquiline_Access_Guide_v2.0_04June2019.pdf

- **CDC Bedaquiline Factsheet**
  cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/treatment/bedaquiline.htm

- **CDC Guidelines for the Use and Safety Monitoring of Bedaquiline Furmarate (Sirturo) for the Treatment of Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis**
  cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr6209.pdf

- **Sirturo Label Insert**
  accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/204384s000lbl.pdf

- **Medicare.gov**
  medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal

- **Medicare Drug Finder**
  q1medicare.com/PartD-SearchPDPMedicarePartDDrugFinder.php

- **Texas Statues, Health and Safety Code- if requested for assistance program justification**
  statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm