

Bedaquiline (Sirturo) Ordering Process

Process Overview

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.



Medical Consultation	Discharge Planning	DSHS DR-TB Monitoring Program Notification	Insurance Verification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A consult from a DSHS recognized medical TB consultant is required for patients with drug-resistant TB: <p>dshs.texas.gov/idcu/disease/tb/consultants/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If patient was started on BDQ while at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID), they will be provided two weeks' of BDQ at discharge. Medication will be mailed to the health department prior to patient's discharge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify DSHS TB and Hansen's Disease Nurse Consultant when BDQ is prescribed. See <i>Texas TB Work Plan</i> for information on requesting second line medications: <p>dshs.texas.gov/idcu/disease/tb/policies/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local/regional TB programs must determine if client is privately insured or is uninsured. Private insurance may include Medicare/ Medicaid.

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STEPS

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

Patient is Uninsured

Patient is Binational

Pursue BDQ from Metro Medical Solutions (MMS)

Follow Step 3a

Pursue BDQ from the Johnson and Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF)

Follow Step 3b

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

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Step 3a: Request BDQ from Metro Medical Solutions (MMS).

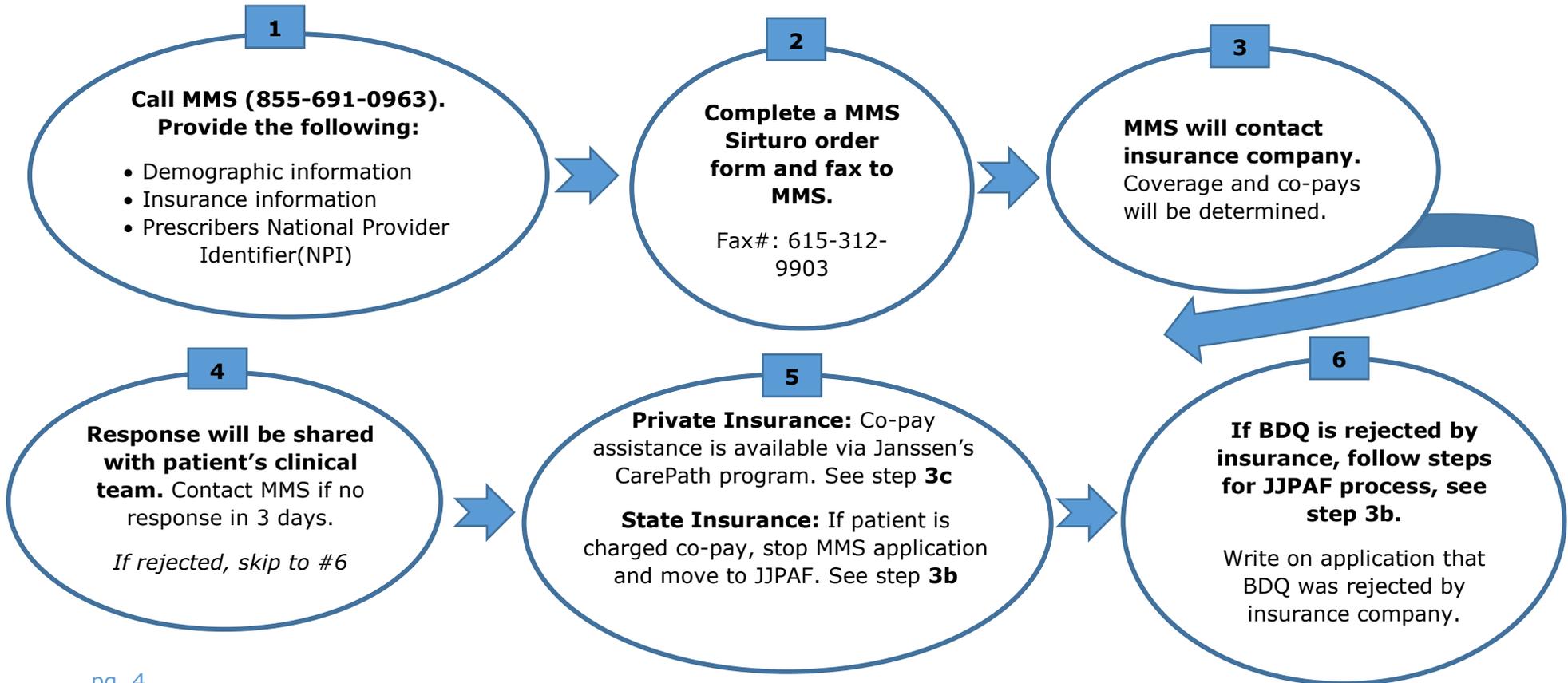
Ensure patient is covered through a private or state insurance program (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid) and document coverage prior to initiating this process. After verification, the steps for requesting from Metro Medical Solutions are the same regardless of insurance type.

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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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.

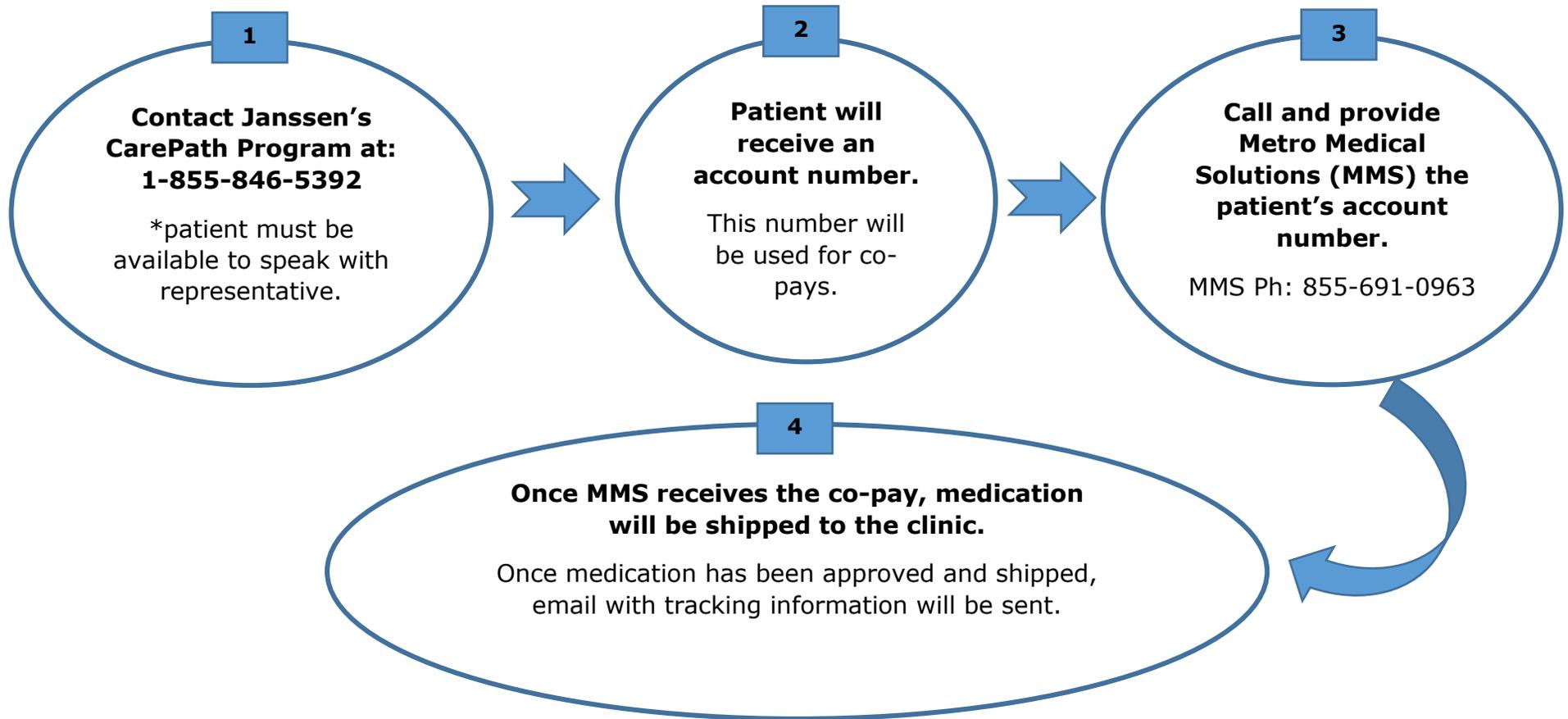
1. **Download and complete the Patient Assistance Program Application located at:** jjpaf.org/resources/jjpaf-application.pdf. Ensure the following:
 - a. The patient signs the *Patient Declaration* (page 2 of application) and the prescribing physician signs the *Prescription* (page 3 of application).
 - 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.**

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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.



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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.

*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



202 Cumberland Bend
Nashville, TN 37228
www.mmspharmacy.com



Prescription Order

FAX TO: 615-312-9903 MMS Phone: 855-691-0963 (toll free); 615-312-9888 (local)			
Date: _____ PO#: <u>Leave Blank</u> Patient Last Name: _____ Patient First Name: _____ Patient Date of Birth: _____ Patient Phone: _____ Patient Address: _____ Patient City, ST, Zip: _____	Facility Name: _____ Metro Account #: <u>Leave Blank</u> Facility Phone: _____ Facility Fax: _____ Facility Address: _____ Facility City, ST, Zip: _____	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> Health department information here; include email address </div>	
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; color: blue; font-weight: bold;"> Pharmacy Benefit Coverage provide the following; ID#, Rx BIN#, Rx PCN#, Rx GRP# </div>			
***Orders cannot be shipped directly to Patient **All orders must be shipped to the Prescriber address or Facility/Site of Care Address			
Drug Allergies: Include client diagnosis here			
ITEM #	MEDICATION	QTY	DIRECTIONS FOR USE
	Sirturo 100mg tabs (NDC:59676-0701-01)	<u>68</u>	<u>Example:</u> Take 4 tabs po daily for 2 weeks then 2 tabs po 3 times a week
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	<u>Example:</u> Sirturo 100 mg tabs(NDC:59676-0701-01)	<u>24w/4 refills</u>	<u>Take 2 tabs po 3 times a week</u>
Other	Write "Sirturo" not "Bedaquiline"	_____	Examples: Write entire Sirturo regimen, even if initial phase was completed at TCID
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Prescriber Name: _____		Prescriber Phone: _____	
Prescriber NPI: _____		Prescriber Signature: _____	
SHIPPING METHOD <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Day Air <input type="checkbox"/> (Standard Method) <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight			

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This communication and any attachments are intended solely for the use of the addressee named above and contain confidential health information that is legally privileged. The authorized recipient of this information is prohibited from disclosing this information to any other party unless permitted by law or appropriate customer/patient authorization is obtained. Unauthorized disclosure or failure to maintain confidentiality could subject you to penalties described in federal and state laws.

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Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF) Program Application (Download form from jjpaf.org/resources/jjpaf-application.pdf)
INSTRUCTIONS

JJPAF application page 2

SUBMIT THIS PAGE

Patient Assistance Program Application

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PATIENT See checklist on page 1—all information is required.

1 Patient Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female
 Address (Street, City, State, ZIP): _____

2 Financial Information

Federal Taxes (Select one of the options below.)
 A copy of my most recent 1040 or 1040EZ Federal tax return is attached. *Not required for SIRTURO® applications.*
 I do not file Federal taxes. *(Tax returns may be reviewed and additional documentation requested.)*

Total Gross Yearly Income Entire household: \$ _____
 Household Size Including yourself, the number dependent on your household: _____

3 Healthcare Insurance Information (Select all that apply.) **Please attach a copy of your insurance card.**

Subscriber Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____
 Primary Plan Name: _____ Secondary Plan Name: _____

Insurance Type	ID/Policy #	Group #	Phone
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if no insurance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Insurance/Medicare Part D Plan Plan Name: _____ Fax: _____ Rx BIN #: _____ Rx PCN: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Private/Commercial Insurance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Part B			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Advantage			
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Administration			
<input type="checkbox"/> ADAP AIDS			
<input type="checkbox"/> SPAP State Patient Assistance Program			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			

4 Patient Declaration/Authorization to Assign Representative for Program Enrollment

Signature and date required before submission.
 My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to the Patient Declaration and Patient Authorization information on page 4. If I have listed an authorized representative below, I permit the Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF) to discuss my application with this person. This includes the status of my application, insurance and financial question documentation, and other issues related to my application and participation, throughout my enrollment period in the program. This representative is allowed to speak on my behalf regarding my application with JJPAF.

Patient Name (print): _____ Date: _____
 Authorized Representative Name (print if applicable): _____
 Relationship to Patient (print if applicable): _____ Phone: _____

Please Sign: _____ **Date:** _____
 Patient Signature/Authorized Representative

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

2. Financial Information
Federal Taxes: If patient files taxes, check first box under "Federal Taxes" but **do not** attach 1040/1040 EZ. **NOTE: Not required for Sirturo.** If patient does not file, check that box.
Fill out all other information.

3. Healthcare Insurance Information
If patient is un-insured, 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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Patient Assistance Program Application

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL (HCP)—all information is required.

1 Prescription (If requesting more than 1 product, attach additional prescription information.)

Patient Name: _____

ICD Code (HCP-administered products only): _____

Name of Product: _____

Strength: _____ Sig: _____

Quantity: _____ Days' Supply: _____ Number of _____

BALVERSA®, ERLEADA®, IMBRUVICA®, or ZYTIGA®:

- If you are a prescriber in New York, South Carolina, or Washington and are requesting BALVERSA®, ERLEADA®, IMBRUVICA®, or ZYTIGA®, you must attach prescription on your state official prescription form with this application.

BALVERSA®, ERLEADA®, IMBRUVICA®, or ZYTIGA®:

- List any patient allergies:

_____ or NKDA

BALVERSA®, ERLEADA®, IMBRUVICA®, or ZYTIGA®:

- List patient's current medications:

_____ or none

BALVERSA®:

- Has the patient tested positive for HGF? Yes No

HIV Medication:

- Check if patient is currently taking: PREZIS INTELENCE® EDURANT® SYMTUZA

PROCRIT®:

- Hemoglobin level based on most recent lab res _____
- Required: Is the patient being treated on renal _____

Select STELARA® Distribution Option (must select one):

Ship to HCP's office

Retail or specialty pharmacy. HCP must provide a prescription.

Select TREMFYA® Distribution Option (must select one):

Ship to HCP's office

Retail or specialty pharmacy. HCP must provide a prescription.

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.

2 HCP Information

Name: _____ Site Name: _____

Site Contact: _____ Business Hours: _____

Address (City, State, ZIP): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Tax ID #: _____ NPI# (required): _____

State License # (required): _____ Expiration (mm/yyyy): _____ DEA # (required): _____

Collaborating MD (for mid-level providers): _____ Collaborating MD NPI # (required): _____

Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN) (required if the patient has Medicare): _____

HCP Distribution Shipping Address or SPRAVATO® REMS-Certified Treatment Center Address (if different from above):

Site Name: _____ Contact Name for Shipment: _____

Business Hours: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address (City, State, ZIP): _____

Please note, Florida HCPs may be required to provide Florida Pedigree Information at time of first shipment.

3 HCP Authorization

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**
sirturo.com/sites/default/files/pdf/SIRTURO-product-guide.pdf
- **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 Fumarate (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 Statutes, Health and Safety Code- *if requested for assistance program justification***
statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm