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 but may be required longer. Consultation from a DSHS-Recognized Tuberculosis Medical Consultant is required for use.

The outpatient ordering process is different from other medications that are available through the DSHS Pharmacy ordering system, and additional planning and preparation are required. This medication is very costly, therefore the DSHS Tuberculosis and Hansen’s Disease Unit (TB Unit) will work with local and regional health departments (L/RHDs) 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.

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<td>• A consult from a DSHS Recognized Medical TB Consultant is required for patients with drug-resistant TB: dshs.texas.govdisease/tb/consultants.shtm</td>
<td>• If the 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.</td>
<td>• Notify the TB Unit’s Drug-Resistant TB Monitoring Program Nurse Consultant (DR TB 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/TBWorkPlan.pdf</td>
<td>• L/RHDs must determine if the patient is privately insured or uninsured. • Private insurance may include Medicare/ Medicaid.</td>
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**STEPS**

**Step 1: Notify the TB Unit when BDQ is Prescribed**

Email the DR-TB Nurse Consultant a request for BDQ with the answers to the following questions (for Binational TB Program patients, 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 TB Medical 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 patient 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 DR-TB Nurse Consultant.*

Once approved, an email will be sent to the requestor (the person listed in #3 above) instructing the L/RHD to order BDQ from DSHS pharmacy, if needed.

**Step 2: Order BDQ from the DSHS Pharmacy for Short-Term Use**

BDQ may be obtained from DSHS for short-term use while the L/RHD TB program is pursuing other patient coverage options; see step 3.

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

2. For patients discharged from TCID, order in one-week increments while pursuing patient assistance programs. For patients starting treatment as an outpatient, BDQ may be ordered in two-week increments while pursuing patient assistance programs. Verify the physician orders and request the number of doses needed per week. *(Note: Ensure the patient ID# and details regarding how the patient should take the medication are written in the pharmacy ordering system notes/comments section).*
Step 3: Pursue Patient Assistance Options

Knowing whether the patient is insured or uninsured will guide which patient assistance program L/RHDs 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
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**Step 3a: Request BDQ from Metro Medical Solutions (MMS)**

MMS is a specialty pharmacy licensed to dispense medication. Verify the patient’s medical insurance coverage (either through a private company or state insurance [i.e., Medicare/Medicaid]) and document coverage prior to initiating this process. After verification, the steps for requesting from MMS 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 the patient meets a deductible, and some plans may require pre-authorization. If needed, request an 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 the MMS Sirturo order form and fax to MMS.
   Fax#: 615-312-9903

3. MMS will contact the 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; 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. Attach an explanation of benefits (EOB) that is provided from the 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: https://www.jjpaf.org/resources/jjpaf-application.pdf. Ensure the following:
   a. The patient signs the Patient Declaration (section 4, page 2 of application) and the prescribing physician signs the Prescription (section 3, page 3 of application).
   b. Submit completed pages 2 and 3 and fax to Johnson and Johnson at: 1-740-966-1797.
   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. Notify the DR-TB Nurse Consultant once approved.

5. 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. See pg. 8 for example
   Fax to MMS at: 615-312-9903.

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

7. 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 to 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 Tuberculosis (BNTB) Patients

BNTB programs should attempt to secure BDQ from Mexico. In the interim, BDQ may be available to BN patients managed by a DSHS Binational TB Program. (For BNTB patients with a Texas address, follow steps 3a, 3b, and/or 3c above).

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 Nurse Consultant with the following responses:
   1. Explain what qualifies this patient for care under the Binational TB Program (check all that apply):
      - ☐ The patient lives in Mexico but has relatives in the U.S.;
      - ☐ The patient has dual residency in the U.S. and Mexico;
      - ☐ The patient has contacts on both sides of the border, in the U.S. and Mexico;
      - ☐ The patient started treatment in the U.S. but returns to live in Mexico; or
      - ☐ The patient is referred from the U.S. for treatment or follow-up in Mexico
   2. Name of Texas Consulting Physician: (must be a DSHS physician or physician working directly with L/RHD)
   3. Name of Mexico’s Binational Treating Physician:
   4. Name of DSHS-Recognized Medical TB Consultant physician:
   5. Name of BNTB program requesting BDQ and BN Coordinator (with best contact phone numbers):
   6. Describe the plan of care for the patient’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 Coordinator? (If not contact the DR-TB Nurse Consultant)

2. Once the approval letter is verified, the binational TB coordinator will notify the consulting physician, the treating physician, and the DR-TB Nurse Consultant.
   • Send securely a copy of the Heartland consult and approval letter to the DR-TB Nurse Consultant.

3. Once all the above have been met, the DR-TB Nurse Consultant will send an email with approval to proceed with ordering BDQ from the pharmacy’s ordering system:
   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: Fax: 512-776-7489  Phone: 512-776-7500
   3. Order 1 month supply at a time.

*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

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Contact DSHS for form.

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**Date:** [ ]

**POD:** [ ]

**Patient Last Name:** [ ]

**Patient First Name:** [ ]

**Patient Date of Birth:** [ ]

**Patient Address:** [ ]

**Patient City, ST, Zip:** [ ]

**Health department information here; include email address**

**Order Form:** [ ]

**Contact DSHS for form**

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**Drug Allergies:** [ ]

**Include client diagnosis here**

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**Prescriber Name:** [ ]

**Prescriber Phone:** [ ]

**Prescriber NPI:** [ ]

**Prescriber Signature:** [ ]

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**SHIPPING METHOD**

2nd Day Air (Standard Method) □ Overnight

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**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.
**Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF) Program Application**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Download form from [https://www.jjpaf.org/resources/jjpaf-application.pdf](https://www.jjpaf.org/resources/jjpaf-application.pdf)

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**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 patient 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. Financial Verification Authorization**

Credit checks are soft checks. This box **does not** need to be checked for Sirturo.

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**4. Patient Declaration**

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

**ICD Code:** leave blank if UNK

**Name of Product:** “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

**Patient Assistance Programs for BDQ**

- **Metro Medical Central Contact**, Phone: 855-691-0963
  [https://www.metromedical.com](https://www.metromedical.com)
- **Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation (JJPAF)**, Phone: 800-652-6227
  [http://jjpaf.org](http://jjpaf.org)
- **Janssen CarePath**, Phone: 855-846-5392
  [https://www.janssencarepath.com/hcp](https://www.janssencarepath.com/hcp)

**Additional Resources**

- **Sirturo Product Guide**
- **TB Controllers Bedaquiline Access Guide**
- **CDC Bedaquiline Factsheet**
- **CDC Guidelines for the Use and Safety Monitoring of Bedaquiline Furmarate (Sirturo) for the Treatment of Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis**
  [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr6209.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr6209.pdf)
- **Sirturo Label Insert**
  [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/204384s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/204384s000lbl.pdf)
- **Medicare.gov**
- **Medicare Drug Finder**
  [https://q1medicare.com/PartD-SearchPDPMedicarePartDDrugFinder.php](https://q1medicare.com/PartD-SearchPDPMedicarePartDDrugFinder.php)
- **Texas Statues, Health and Safety Code - if requested for assistance program justification**
  [https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm](https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.81.htm)