

Frequently Asked Questions about Tuberculosis (TB) - UP Program (TB Diagnostic & Treatment Services for the Uninsured Person Program)

1. What is TB-UP?

- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care pays the costs for services (e.g., bloodwork, x-rays, doctors' visits) to diagnose and treat tuberculosis for anyone in Ontario without health insurance.
- The TB-UP program can only be initiated and accessed through the Public Health Department and your doctor.
- All approved TB - related payments are paid to physicians, laboratories and/or x-ray services directly by the Ministry of Health and Long - Term Care.

2. How many Claim forms will I be given when enrol

After a Public Health Nurse registers you into the program, she will give you up to seven (7) claim forms and seven (7) accompanying Health Care Provider instruction sheets.

3. What services will be covered by the Program?

The TB UP program ONLY covers the cost of TB - related services for physicians, laboratories and x-ray service providers for out-patient TB Diagnostic and treatment services.

This program **does not** cover the costs of hospitalizations for TB or medical costs for other health problems.

4. Can I submit claim forms for tests done before being enrolled in the TB-UP Program?

No, you **cannot** submit personal cost or receipts or be reimbursed for tests or assessments done **before** the TB-UP program registration date.

5. How Do I use the Claim Forms for my TB Testing?

When going to a medical facility, Lab or Health Care Provider Office:

- **Take Claim Forms and Health Care Provider Instruction Sheet with you.**
- Ask the reception or facility if they will accept the Claim Form.
- If facility will not accept the claim forms, make sure you **do not pay**. Try a different facility and follow same steps.
- Always go back to same x-ray facility and laboratory for consistency.
- If you are attending a TB Clinic, inform the reception/nurse that you are enrolled in the TB-UP Program. **Make sure you do not pay.**

6. When do I need to contact the TB Program or a Public Health Nurse?

Call the Region of Peel – Public Health and notify your nurse if you:

- Get health coverage like Interim Federal Health (IFH) or Ontario Health Card (OHIP) while you are on TB-UP.
- Need more TB-UP claim forms.
- Want to remove yourself from the TB-UP Program.
- Have received an invoice or bill for a TB - related service from a provider or facility
- Have moved

7. Who do I call if I have more questions?

If you require further information, please contact your Public Health Nurse at Region of Peel - Public Health, 905-799-7700, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Tuberculosis is preventable, treatable and curable.

For more information about Tuberculosis (TB), please visit www.peel-stoptb.ca.