

Payment Options for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Following Non-Occupational Exposures Including Sexual Assault (nPEP)

Sexual Assault

Chapter 39 of the Laws of 2012 amending Section 2805-i of Public Health Law requires hospitals to provide the first seven days of medication to victims of sexual assault. Prescriptions must be given for the remaining 21 days.

Medicaid	PEP is covered.
Private Insurance	PEP coverage is based on plan. Large co-pay may be a consideration. NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS) may reimburse co-pays of a victim who submits an eligible application with the agency. Co-payment cards are available from the manufacturers. Gilead - 1-877-505-6986 Merck - 1-855-834-3467 or www.isentress.com
Insured, but does not use insurance	A victim may decline to provide insurance information if he/she believes provision of that information would substantially interfere with his or her personal privacy or safety. A victim may ask the provider to directly bill the OVS for the Forensic Rape Exam (FRE), including the first seven days of medication.
No Insurance	OVS may be directly billed as above and the victim may apply to OVS for expenses beyond the FRE, including a prescription for the remaining 21 days.
NYS Office of Victim Services (formerly the Crime Victims Board)	OVS has an Emergency Award Procedure designed to pay the pharmacy in 1-4 days. It is important that the forms be filled out correctly and submitted with the supporting information requested. Emergency awards are available for up to \$2,500. It is best to work with Victim Advocates in your community to pursue this process; they know the community connections and the procedure to expedite this process. Call 1-800-247-8035 or go to www.ovs.ny.gov for more information.

For All Other Non-Occupational Exposures in any Health Care Setting

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Private Insurance	PEP coverage is based on plan. Co-payment cards are available from the manufacturers. Gilead - 1-877-505-6986 Merck - 1-855-834-3467 or www.isentress.com
Insured, but does not use insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating institution provides immediate access to drugs. • Begin application process for Medicaid, if appropriate. (Coverage is not guaranteed). • Explore the Patient Assistance Programs from pharmaceutical companies. • Contact your human service/social work department for special funds.
Patient Assistance Programs	Common Patient Assistance Program Application (HIV) http://hab.hrsa.gov/patientassistance/index.html HIV meds are listed by company with instructions on how to submit the application. You may need to apply to more than one company depending on regimen chosen. <i>Please see specific application process on next page for Gilead and Merck.</i>

Patient Assistance Programs

Gilead Patient Assistance

1. Fax a letter of medical necessity to 1-800-226-2056.
Include:
 - Patient's name
 - Therapy needed
 - Date of exposure
 - Provider's signature
2. Call 1-800-226-2056 and notify them you have a patient who needs PEP.
 - Tell them you faxed in a letter of medical necessity.
 - Give them time of fax
 - Number of pages
 - Your fax number
 - Have this information available:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Date of birth
 - Social security number
 - Number of people claimed as dependents
 - Household income
 - Any insurance coverage
 - Provider name
 - Provider address
 - Provider phone number
 - Will take 5-10 minutes
 - Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-8pm EST
3. They will give you a voucher number to place on the prescription. The patient may go to the pharmacy to have the prescription filled with no out-of-pocket expenses.
4. **Co-payment Assistance:** Call 1-877-505-6986. Hours: Monday - Friday 8am– 8pm EST. Patient is given an authorization number to present with the prescription and other insurance at the pharmacy.

Merck Patient Assistance Program

1. Locate form at www.needymeds.org
 - Under A-Z, look for Isentress (Raltegravir). (www.needymeds.org/papforms/isentr1196.pdf)
 - Support enrollment form
 - Print and fill out
 - **Indicate prescribing PEP-** this will expedite processing.
 - Fax to 1-866-410-1913. You may send fax any time. Hours of operation: 6am - 3pm PST Monday - Friday.
2. Call 1-800-850-3430 1-2 hours after sending fax.
3. Will send medications to provider or patient as indicated on form
 - If received by 12:30 PST, will have overnight delivery. (about 24 hours)
 - If received after 12:30 PST, will have next day delivery. (about 48 hours)
4. **Co-payment Assistance:** Call 1-855-834-3467 or www.isentress.com
 - For online application and coupon redemption
 - For presentation with the prescription and insurance coverage at the pharmacy.

