# 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.

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<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Insured, but does not use insurance</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>No Insurance</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>NYS Office of Victim Services (formerly the Crime Victims Board)</strong></td>
<td>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 <a href="http://www.ovs.ny.gov">www.ovs.ny.gov</a> for more information.</td>
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## For All Other Non-Occupational Exposures in any Health Care Setting

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| **Insured, but does not use insurance** | • 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.  
*Please see specific application process on next page for Gilead and Merck.* |
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.needmeds.org
   • 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.