

Important Notice - NDHHS Uniting for Ukraine Tuberculosis Testing and Care Support Ending

To: North Dakota Uniting for Ukraine Sponsors

CC: ND Local Health Departments, Refugee Resettlement Partners

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Sponsors, Local Health Departments, and Refugee Resettlement Partners:

I hope this message finds you well. We would like to inform you of an important update regarding the Uniting for Ukraine Tuberculosis Support program provided by the North Dakota Department of Human Services (NDHHS). Effective September 30, 2023, the NDHHS Uniting for Ukraine Tuberculosis Support program will conclude its services. This is due to the grant that was received to support these services expiring.

Action Required:

All requests for coverage of Tuberculosis (TB) Tests and office visits that were incurred before September 30th, 2023, should be submitted to NDHHS for payment processing no later than October 31, 2023. Please ensure that you send any outstanding claims within this timeframe to facilitate prompt payment. For more information on how to submit these requests, contact Lindsey VanderBusch (lvanderbusch@nd.gov).

Future Access to TB Testing and Clinical Services:

After September 30th, 2023, individuals in need of TB testing services should seek assistance through their local health department or a local healthcare provider. We encourage you to connect individuals with these resources for continued support in managing their healthcare needs.

Remaining Services Available:

Although the Uniting for Ukraine Tuberculosis Support program is concluding, we want to remind everyone that essential services such as Medicaid, Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), and no-cost immunizations will remain available. These services are crucial in ensuring the health and well-being of individuals and families in our community. For those eligible for Medicaid or RMA, you can apply for these programs by visiting the following links:

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[NDHHS Application For Assistance \(https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/apply\)](https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/apply)

It should also be noted that the program to support treatment of TB infection and TB disease will continue as part of normal operations for anyone in need of these services. Information about the request for treatment services can be found [here](#).

[Request for Medications for TB Disease](#)

[Request for Medications for TB Infection](#)

Immunizations:

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program continues to provide all recommended immunizations to eligible children, including those under 18 years who are uninsured, under-insured (insurance does not cover all or some recommended immunizations), Medicaid-eligible, American Indian, or Alaska Native. Uninsured adults 19 years and older have access to other recommended immunizations, including polio, at no cost through the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program. These programs are continuing into the future. To find a participating health care provider in your area visit the NDHHS Immunization [website](#). Please email vaccine@nd.gov with any questions about vaccine availability.

Responsibility of Sponsors:

We also want to emphasize that sponsors have a duty to provide access and support for basic needs, including basic medical needs, for individuals under parole. Please continue to fulfill this important responsibility to ensure the well-being of those you are sponsoring and this may include the financial support for basic medical care if other support is not available.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us provide essential services to our community, and we remain committed to working together to ensure the health and safety of all individuals. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

Sincerely,



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