

# Provider Resource for How to Access Bicillin Syphilis Treatment



A common challenge providers face as syphilis rates in Indiana continue to rise is the ability to access the recommended CDC treatment, Bicillin (Penicillin G Benzathine-BICILLIN® L-A) for the patients they serve. The Indiana Health Department, STD Prevention Program designed this provider resource to ensure all providers are knowledgeable on how to access Bicillin to treat patients with diagnosed or presumptive syphilis infections. The following guidance does not overview specific treatment guidelines for syphilis infection. For full treatment information, please refer to the CDC STD Treatment Guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/>.

## Immediate or Short Term Solutions

**The options outlined below are best used for providers who see patients with a syphilis infection intermittently:**

- If the patient has insurance, write and send a prescription to Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy in Indianapolis, IN. This pharmacy specializes in treatment for HIV and other conditions and works with providers throughout Indiana. This pharmacy is able to process a Bicillin script for individual patients. Providers will need to fax the script, basic patient information (including prescription insurance information), and delivery instructions. This pharmacy will mail Bicillin to any provider office in Indiana, usually with a quick turnaround of one to two days. The provider will then have the patient return to their office for the injection of the medication. If Bicillin is not an option for treatment, provider may provide Doxycycline to patient in accordance with CDC treatment guidelines.



For additional information, contact  
**Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy**

335 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Phone: 317-631-6000  
Fax: 317-631-6004

- ***If the patient does not have insurance, notify a Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) in your area to coordinate treatment of the patient. DIS are specially trained workers who focus on sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. In Indiana, they work from local offices to stop the spread of STDs and HIV. Providers can find their local DIS agency through the following link: <https://www.in.gov/isdh/17440.htm>.***

## Long Term Solutions

**The options outlined below are best used for providers who see, or begin to see, patients with syphilis infections on a routine basis.**

- **Order Bicillin directly through a Pfizer medication wholesaler. Use the following link to find a wholesaler in Indiana:**  
<https://www.pfizer.com/products/medicine-distributors/pfizer/state#Indiana>

**Providers should consider ordering boxes with 1.2 mu 10 syringes, which comprises five doses of 2.4 MU, to reduce ordering costs. Additionally, most Bicillin has a long shelf life, expiring 2 year post-manufacture.**



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If you have any questions regarding the information outlined in this resource, let us know at [STD@isdh.IN.gov](mailto:STD@isdh.IN.gov)