



Resources to Address Potential Barriers to Long-Acting Injectable Antiretroviral (L-AI ARV) Therapy

Please use the [Cabenuva NASTAD-HIVMA-AAHIVM Resource](#) and the [ViiVConnect site](#) for the latest industry information.

Based on Ryan White provider feedback on potential barriers to long acting injectable antiretrovirals (L-AI ARVs), we have gathered the following resources, suggestions, and best practices.

Patient Adherence Issues:

Area of concern	Suggestions and best practices
Problems with tracking patient follow-up	<p>Use overbook appointment spots or walk-in appointment spots as a failsafe on rescheduled appointments.</p> <p>A best practice is to create a spreadsheet to track patients on Cabenuva (and shipments) when current appointment systems are unable to set up reminders and follow-up appointments (or flag Cabenuva users).</p> <p>ViiVConnect provides Cabenuva-specific support services for providers and clients.</p>
Problems with drug delivery	<p>Contact CVS for lost and delayed shipments, damaged or unusable medications due to shipping, broken vials noted on or right after delivery or indications that temperature has not been maintained during shipping.</p> <p>Contact a ViiV reimbursement manager if a Cabenuva vial shatters on use or if the product appears discolored or contains particulate matter. Please note, Cabotegravir vial is tinted. At present, there is no timeframe available for replacement medication delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For North Florida through Tampa, contact Stephanie Meade, FRM, at Stephanie.d.meade@viihealthcare.com or 813-734-5370. • For South Florida and Orlando, contact Marvin Poole, FRM, at Marvin.x.poole@viihealthcare.com or 407-516-0534.
Oral medication	<p>For initial oral lead in a practitioner would place order for initiation of Cabenuva through ViiVConnect. A prescription needs to be sent to TheraCom for Vocabria (cabotegravir) and Edurant (rilpivirine).</p> <p>For planned missed injection The current process is to contact ViiVConnect to get information to send the prescription to TheraCom for Vocabria (the cabotegravir portion of the oral medication). The Edurant (rilpivirine) portion of the oral regimen is available for order at the client's retail pharmacy.</p>



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Staff Training Issues:

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Staff training specific to Cabenuva and Z-track injection	<p>Please see the Cabenuva package insert for detailed injection instructions.</p> <p>There is also an injection video on the Cabenuva website.</p>
Possible issues with re-scheduling appropriately for the injection	<p>Clinical support staff should be made aware of the +/- seven-day window limitation to schedule for Cabenuva injections. Include front desk staff in training on the importance of rescheduling patients receiving Cabenuva in a timely manner.</p> <p>If a patient cannot be reached or cancels their appointment – refer to internal processes and include seeking county health department support to locate the patient (through a linkage and engagement specialist or disease intervention specialist).</p>
Clinical considerations for Cabenuva temperature control and administration	<p>DO NOT TAKE THE MEDICATION OUT OF THE FRIDGE UNTIL THE PATIENT ARRIVES. Please wait 15 minutes for the medication to warm up at room temperature prior to injection administration.</p> <p>If you need a larger administration needle to accommodate for body size, contact Fisher Healthcare for the two-inch safety needle.</p>

Transportation Issues:

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Transportation access limits ability to present to clinic for follow up	<p>Local areas are to determine how to address transportation needs within their jurisdictions. Transportation issues are not unique to this drug and are handled differently in different areas based on available resources.</p> <p>Consider ride-share services available in your area. Other possible transportation services may be available through local volunteer organizations, elder care services organizations, and community and religious centers.</p>



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Medication Costs:

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Coverage for those not eligible for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)	<p>Please see the cost sharing and patient assistance information on the NASTAD-HIVMA-AAHIVM Resource.</p> <p>The Patient Assistance Program (PAP) CANNOT BE USED IF THE CLIENT IS ON ADAP.</p> <p>To be eligible for PAP, the patient MUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico • Have a household income less than or equal to 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level based on household size • Not be eligible for Medicaid or Puerto Rico’s Government Health Plan, Mi Salud • Meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have no prescription drug coverage • Have a Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D, or Medicare Advantage Plan and have spent at least \$600 on out-of-pocket prescription expenses during the current calendar year • Have a private insurance plan limited to generic-only coverage, outpatient use only, or therapeutic class exclusion (non-coverage) of drug <p>The PAP decision will be provided after all information is confirmed.</p> <p>The PAP is in Section 8 of the ViiV enrollment form.</p>

Billing:

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Administration costs	<p>Administration costs for the Cabenuva injection range from \$20 to \$25.08 based on current Medicare rates.</p> <p>Associated billing code for Cabenuva: CPT injection code 96372 for each intramuscular injection provided by a nurse under the direct supervision of a provider</p> <p>Please also see the Cabenuva Criteria per Medicaid.</p>