

STI Coverage at CCare Clinics: Summary & FAQs

Due to restrictions in our funding, the RH Access Fund's coverage of STI services at CCare Clinics is limited. RHAF can only reimburse for STI services at CCare clinics if they were provided during a contraceptive visit or well visit that includes contraceptive management.

Quick Look: when STI services are covered by the RH Access Fund

Primary diagnosis code	When does RHAF cover STI services?	Can you charge the client for STI services?
Contraceptive or Well Visit	STI screening, testing and treatment are always covered as secondary diagnosis codes	No
STI Screening (asymptomatic)	Never at CCare clinics, only at RHCare clinics.	Yes. Follow standard clinic process. You can also refer the client to an RHCare clinic where these services would be covered.
STI Testing (symptomatic)	Never.	Yes. Follow standard clinic process.
STI Treatment and/or Rescreening (Updated Sept 2026)	✓ All enrollees ✓ STI screening occurred during a contraceptive services visit, or well visit that included contraceptive services ✓ Visit coded with one of the allowable diagnosis codes	Yes, if client does <i>not</i> meet requirements listed to the left.

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A Included within the bundled rates are the costs of the following labs whether sent to an outside lab or done in-clinic as a point-of-care test:

- HIV
- Wet mount
- KOH/whiff test
- VDRL/RPR
- Treponema -Syphilis
- Trichomonas (NAAT)
- Herpes
- Hepatitis C antibody and confirmation
- Hepatitis B triple panel test (core antibody, surface antibody, surfaces antigen)

CT/GC tests are reimbursed separately when Medical Service 29-Chlamydia Test is marked on the CVR

Q Are CT/GC tests covered for clients who are symptomatic?

A If the visit has a primary diagnosis code that is on our [allowable list](#) and a CT/GC lab test is collected at the visit, we will reimburse for the test. However, if the primary purpose for the visit is to evaluate and address symptoms, a CT/GC test is not covered by RHAF.

Q Is there an age limit for the CT/GC screen?

A There is no age limit for RHAF coverage of CT/GC screening. You should follow national standards of care and screen when appropriate. We will reimburse for CT/GC tests whenever they are marked on the CVR.

Q What if a client needs CT/GC screening from multiple sites (e.g., pharyngeal, rectal, vaginal)? *(Added Sept 2026)*

A The RHAF reimbursement for CT/GC is weighted to account for clients who need one, two or three sites screened.

Q What if a client needs STI labs other than CT/GC? Do we charge that to the client or do we just have to eat the cost of the other STI labs? For example: Hepatitis, Syphilis, HIV, etc.

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A All STI labs listed above are part of the bundled reimbursement rates for family planning or well visits. So, if labs are done during a contraceptive visit or well visit you may not charge the client.

However, if the visit is primarily about STI screening or testing, it falls outside the scope of CCare. You should explore other programs for which the client might be eligible, for example OHP or the STD program, refer the client to an RHCare clinic, or you may charge the client.

Male clients

Q When a male client is receiving STI screening and family planning services, how much family planning is needed to bill the RH Access Fund?

A If the primary diagnosis code is on the [allowable list](#), the visit can be billed to RHAF.

Q What about male clients whose partners are using contraception?

A The same reasoning is applied. See above answer.

STI Treatment (Added Sept 2026)

Q If a patient's STI labs come back positive, which treatments are covered?

A The RH Access Fund will reimburse for the drugs to treat Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Trichomoniasis; as well as the treatment visit and a rescreening visit. We do not reimburse for treatment drugs for other STIs.

Q Under which circumstances will RHAF cover a STI treatment visit?

A Treatment visits are covered when STI screening occurred during a contraceptive services visit, or a well visit that included contraceptive services. STI treatment visits are not required to have any secondary diagnosis codes.

Q Can a patient be enrolled in RHAF during a STI treatment visit?

A If the client's STI screening occurred during a contraceptive services visit, or well visit that included contraceptive services, then the client

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can be enrolled in RHAF during the STI treatment visit and the STI treatment visit can be billed to RHAF.

Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) (Added Sept 2026)

Q Is there a limited number of Chlamydia partner treatments we can provide to a patient?

A The RH Access Fund will cover the quantity of Chlamydia treatment medications needed for the client and up to two partners on one CVR. Please remember that partner treatment is covered only for a client's partner(s) within the last 60 days (or the most recent sexual partner, if none in the past 60 days) and the client must be willing to take the medication to them.

Q What if patient's partner is not with them at the time of treatment for GC/CT.

A The RH Access Fund will cover the drugs for EPT as long as the patient will take the medication(s) to their partner. The RH Access Fund will not pay for medications the client is unwilling or unable to give to the contact.

Q Can we use STI treatment medications that we received from the state STD program for EPT?

A No. Medications provided by the state STD program cannot be used for EPT at this time.

Q Can we bill the RH Access Fund for STI treatment medications that we received from the state STD program?

A No. Medications provided by the state STD program cannot be billed to the RH Access Fund.