**2.6. Availing of Anti-Tuberculosis Drugs**

ABOUT THE SERVICE: The rural health unit (RHU) manages an anti-tuberculosis program. The purpose is to identify and treat patients with tuberculosis (TB). Drugs and medicine are provided free-of-charge.

 CLIENT GROUPS:

 Any person who displays the following symptoms

* + Persistent coughing for 2 weeks or more
	+ Fever
	+ Progressive weight loss
	+ Chest or back pains
	+ Hemoptysis or recurrent blood streak sputum
	+ Tiredness/ night sweating

REQUIREMENTS:

 Sputum results

SERVICE SCHEDULES:

 Monday to Friday

 8:00AM-12:00Noon, 1:00PM-5:00PM

TOTAL PROCESSING TIME: 1 hour, 30 minutes

TOTAL FEES/CHARGES:

 Depends on land area ( Pls, refer to the Local Revenue Code)

PROCESS OF AVAILING THE SERVICE:

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| Steps Involved | Actions TAken | It will take you  | Please Approach |
| 1. **Inquiry**

Inquire about the TB Drug dispensary and the requirements. | Issues checklist of requirements | 2 minutes | Vanessa ManlapazPHN II  |
| 1. **Receive Instructions**
 | Client receives instructions for proper sputum collection.. | 3 minutes | Vanessa ManlapazPHN II |
| 1. **Collection and Submission of Specimen**

The client collects sputum specimen and submits it to the Midwife on Duty or Medical Technologist.  | The client receives information as to the date of release of result. | 15-30 minutes | Midwife On DutyTeresita IbańezMed. Tech.  |
| 1. **Enrollment of Patient**
 | TB Coordinator or Midwife on Duty:1. Assesses the patient, if eligible as National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) Beneficiary
2. If eligible, enrolls patient and issues NTP identification card
3. Gives patient info-education about TB Disease and Control and the importance of the Directly Observed Treatment for Short Course Chemotherapy with his/her treatment partner.
4. Issues initial TB Drug. Supply to treatment partner and instruct patient where to report for his daily intake of TB drugs and schedule of follow-up sputum re-exam.
 | 30-45 minutes  | Midwife on Duty Vanessa ManlapazPHN II/TB Nurse Coordinator |