**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 Manlapaz  PHN II |
| 1. **Receive Instructions** | Client receives instructions for proper sputum collection.. | 3 minutes | Vanessa Manlapaz  PHN 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 Duty  Teresita Ibańez  Med. 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 Manlapaz  PHN II/TB Nurse Coordinator |