

# Tuberculosis Screening Policy and Procedure

## Intermediate Care Facilities

### Purpose

To provide a tuberculosis screening process for admission of new ICF/DD clients and employees of ICF/DD facility.

### Scope

- This policy applies to all ICF/DD clients, employees, and volunteers.

### Definitions

- Tuberculin or Mantoux Tuberculin Test – a test performed to evaluate for exposure to Tuberculosis
- Tuberculosis – an infectious bacterial disease that generally affects the lungs. Most infections do not have symptoms and must be detected by testing.

### Policy

- All ERC ICF clients will be screened for tuberculosis prior to admission.
- All ERC ICF staff will be screened for tuberculosis prior to hire and annually thereafter.

### Procedures-Clients

- Upon admission to ICF, physician orders shall be obtained to administer a PPD (intermediate strength) tuberculosis (TB) skin test to the client and to repeat in 10-14 days if necessary. A client may also be taken to a physician for TB skin test(s) to be administered.
- Initial screening will be read 48-72 hours after dose administered.
- If test reads negative, client will complete second TB skin test within 10-14 days that will be read within 48-72 hours.
- If initial and second tests are negative, no further action is required, unless an active case of tuberculosis is identified in the facility
- If either initial or second test is positive, physician will be notified and a chest x-ray or sputum culture will be obtained.
  - Client and ERC will follow physician/Health Department guidelines set forth by results of chest x-ray or sputum culture.
- All test should will be documented in client's medical chart and reevaluated as recommended by physician guidelines.

### Procedures-Employees and Volunteers

- TB test to be completed within one year prior to hire.
- If test reads negative, the employee will be required to retest annually.
- If test is positive, the employee will be required to report to the Health Department for a chest x-ray and clearance card stating they are cleared to be employed in a long term care facility.
- All tests should be noted the employees Human Resources' health file.
- Any employees out of compliance with TB Testing requirements will be removed from the schedule with a note placed in their HR file until compliance is achieved.

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Date

- CARF standard(s) (Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) \_\_\_\_\_
- DDS regulation(s) (Dept. of Disability Services – State) \_\_\_\_\_
- OLTC regulation(s) (Office of Long Term care – State) \_\_\_\_\_
- DOE regulation(s) (Dept. of Education – State) \_\_\_\_\_
- ARS (Ark. Rehabilitation Services – State) \_\_\_\_\_
- AHTD regulation(s) (AR Highway & Transportation Dept - State) \_\_\_\_\_
- OSHA regulation(s) (Occupational Safety & Health Administration – Federal) \_\_\_\_\_
- Medicaid regulations (Federal/state) \_\_\_\_\_
- HIPAA Regulations (Federal) \_\_\_\_\_

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