

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 characterized by the growth of nodules (tubercles) in the tissues, especially the lungs.

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

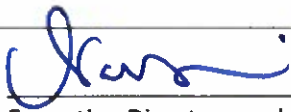
- TB test to be completed within 30-days prior to admission.
- Initial screening will be read 48-72 hours after dose administered.
- If test reads negative, client will complete second TB skin test within 10-14 days that will be read within 48-72 hours.
- If initial and second tests are negative, no further action is required at this time, unless signs and symptoms of infection appear.
- If either initial or second test is positive, client will be seen at the local Health Department for chest x-ray or sputum culture.
 - 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 test 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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