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|  <p>State of Maryland Department of Human Resources Maryland's Human Services Agency</p> | OFFICE OF LICENSING AND MONITORING (OLM) LICENSED PROVIDER INSTRUCTION PROCEDURES |
| Number: OLM-RCC-LPIP-03B PAGE: 1 of 2 EDITION: 2/25/2015 | Title: In the event of Shortage of Tuberculosis Testing Solution |
| SUPERSEDES: None | |

.01 Procedures:

This provider instruction procedure is only in effect **if** the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) declares a shortage of tuberculosis testing solution.

The Office of Licensing and Monitoring based on DHMH recommendation shall defer the annual screening for T.B. administered by the Mantoux method (two step skin test) of all employees and volunteers during the period of the shortage.

Other screenings for T.B. shall be documented in lieu of the skin test during this time, which include a signs and symptoms check or acquiring a doctor's note regarding the employee or volunteer's TB risk. The signs/symptoms of TB are coughing for more than two weeks, significant weight loss, and night sweats. If any employee experiences all of these symptoms they should see a doctor immediately.

Once the shortage has ended all deferred skin test for new employees and regular scheduled screening for current employees will be required.

.02 Definitions:

1. Tuberculosis (TB) - (short for *tubercle bacillus*) is a disease caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The bacteria usually attack the lungs, but TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine, and brain. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal.
2. Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) – Solution used for tuberculosis skin test

.03 References: COMAR 14.31.06.02 (1) (c)(d)

E. Personnel Record. The licensee shall:

(1) Maintain for each staff member a personnel record that contains:

(c) A written statement of medical examination by a licensed physician, made at the time of the staff member's employment, certifying that the physician has

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examined the staff member and found nothing in the individual's general, physical, or emotional condition that would endanger the health and well being of children;

(d) An annual screening for tuberculosis administered by the Mantoux method or current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standard with an analysis of results or, for those staff members whose results were positive, an annual medical certification that the staff member presents no symptoms of active tuberculosis;