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In reply, please refer to: File:

Medicaid I/DD Waiver Memo No.: FY2018-06 Date: May 1, 2018

Mary Brogan

TO: Medicaid I/DD Waiver Providers

FROM: Mary Brogan, Administrator

Developmental Disabilities Division

SUBJECT: Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

In March 2018, the Department of Health (DOH) announced new requirements regarding the State's Tuberculosis (TB) clearances. We have received several questions from providers about how the new requirements affect the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Waiver staff qualifications. The DOH, Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD), is in the process of obtaining clarification from the DOH TB Control Branch about the requirements for I/DD Waiver staff who are currently required to obtain a TB clearance annually.

In the interim, until guidance is issued through a DOH DDD Transmittal Memo, I/DD Waiver staff will still be required to obtain the annual TB clearance. Attached is a form letter that the provider agency must complete with the employee's name and agency name. Information must be legible. This letter must be presented by the employee to the TB Clinic at the time of request for a TB test. If the employee does not have the letter with them, the TB Clinic may refuse to provide the test. All of the TB Clinics have been advised of this interim process.

Effective immediately and until further written notice, please use the attached form letter for every I/DD Waiver employee who must obtain a TB clearance. Please inform your service supervisors and other personnel of this interim process. Note that the letter includes the TB Control Branch number for information; this is for the TB Clinic if they have questions for their Branch Chief. For I/DD Waiver provider questions, please call the Community Resources Management Section (CRMS) office at (808)733-2133.

Thank you for your assistance.

Attachment

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c: Jon Fujii, DHS-MQD Dr. Elizabeth MacNeill, DOH-CDPHND-TBB DDD Branch Chiefs