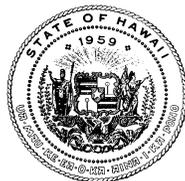


JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII
KE KIA'ĀINA O KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII'

KENNETH S. FINK, MD, MGA, MPH
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
KA LUNA HO'OKELE



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION
P. O. BOX 3378
HONOLULU, HI 96801-3378
TELEPHONE: (808) 586-5840
FAX NUMBER: (808) 586-5844

In reply, please refer to:

Medicaid I/DD Waiver
Memo No.: FY2024-01
Date: August 3, 2023

TO: Medicaid I/DD Waiver Providers

FROM: Mary Brogan, Administrator
Developmental Disabilities Division

SUBJECT: Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Requirements for Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Waiver Staff and Licensed/Certified Caregivers

The Department of Health (DOH), Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD), is issuing this memo to provide clarification on tuberculosis (TB) clearance requirements for Medicaid 1915(c) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Waiver staff and licensed/certified caregivers. The clarifications are in accordance with the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §11-164.2 and the Waiver Provider Standards Manual. HAR §11-164.2 establishes the minimum requirements for the control of TB in the State. The Waiver Provider Standards Manual may establish additional requirements, not included in the HAR.

HAR §11-164.2-24 requires licensed or certified caregivers who are employees, contract workers, or volunteers working more than ten (10) hours per week in health care facilities or residential care settings licensed or otherwise regulated by the department to obtain a TB clearance within twelve (12) months prior to the date of employment, contract start date, or volunteer service. TB clearance shall be obtained annually thereafter. This is a requirement for caregivers in licensed/certified homes, such as an Adult Foster Home (AFH), Developmental Disabilities Domiciliary (DD Dom), Adult Residential Care Home (ARCH), and Expanded Adult Residential Care Home (E-ARCH).

DDD consulted with the DOH TB Branch to clarify how HAR §11-164.2 should be applied for I/DD Waiver staff who do not provide services in a health care facility or residential setting licensed or otherwise regulated by the department. The HAR does not address I/DD Waiver staff aside from licensed/certified caregivers, meaning there is no requirement for I/DD Waiver staff to obtain TB clearance according to HAR §11-164.2. However, there is a requirement for TB clearance for I/DD Waiver staff in the I/DD Waiver. The I/DD Waiver requires TB clearance for staff who come in direct contact with participants, such as direct support workers and service supervisors.

The I/DD Waiver requires the following:

- I/DD Waiver staff obtain TB clearance prior to starting employment for a I/DD Waiver provider:
 - o A TB clearance obtained within twelve (12) months prior to the start date;
 - or
 - o A TB clearance obtained after age sixteen (16).
- TB clearance means a DOH-approved form that provides documentation that a person has been evaluated by a practitioner and found to be free of communicable TB.
- The I/DD Waiver provider shall maintain a copy of the TB clearance for all staff and shall make the copy available for review by DDD.

I/DD Waiver staff that are not licensed/certified caregivers, who need to obtain TB clearance, may visit a TB clinic and identify themselves as a healthcare worker who needs to obtain TB clearance. TB clearances may also be obtained at the staff's physician's office or urgent care facilities.

The Waiver Provider Standards Manual will be updated to include the above information in the revised version that will be effective November 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please email the Community Resources Branch at doh.dddcrb@doh.hawaii.gov or call (808) 733-2135.

c: Jon Fujii, DHS-MQD
Reid Kaneko, DHS-MQD
DDD Management Team