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Community Services Technical Update

IRC is issuing the following recommendation regarding the practice of Tuberculosis (TB) Testing and how it relates to day program attendance:

TB testing must be part of the client entry to a day program, but yearly testing, outside of medical necessity is not recommended.

Per California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 22, Section 56730, a client's case file must contain the most current copy of a medical history, which includes documentation of contagious or communicable conditions. Per CCR, Title 17, Section 82069, prior to or within 30 days following the acceptance of the client, the licensee shall obtain a written medical assessment which shall include the results of an examination for communicable tuberculosis and other contagious diseases.

Neither regulatory standard states how often a TB test must be done. If a day program has a standing policy that requires yearly TB testing, IRC will honor that policy. IRC will not interfere with what a vendor thinks is best practice for the operation of their program. However, we are recommending that they are not done yearly, as it could lead to false positive results over time.

The recommendation comes because of continued confusion among IRC staff and the day program vendors, regarding the topic. Please contact me at vtoms@inlandrc.org for further discussion, if you would like.

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