The Consortium for Universal Healthcare Credentialing, Inc. (C4UHC)

CDC TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING GUIDELINES 2024

Dear Suppliers and Providers,

The Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association have standing recommendations for TB screening, testing, and treatment of healthcare personnel that were released on May 17, 2019. C4UHC asks that you make your staff aware of and align to these recommendations when reviewing the TB credentialing requirement in all appropriate locations.

Here is an excerpt from the guideline:

> "In the absence of known exposure or evidence of ongoing TB transmission, U.S. health care personnel (as identified in the 2005 guidelines) without LTBI should not undergo routine serial TB screening or testing at any interval after baseline (e.g., annually). Health care facilities might consider using serial TB screening of certain groups who might be at increased occupational risk for TB exposure (e.g., pulmonologists or respiratory therapists) or in certain settings if transmission has occurred in the past (e.g., emergency departments). Such determinations should be individualized on the basis of factors that might include the number of patients with infectious pulmonary TB who are examined in these areas, whether delays in initiating airborne isolation occurred, or whether prior annual testing has revealed ongoing transmission."

We appreciate the decision-making processes for updating credentials in all care delivery locations. We all want to achieve compliance. Aligning to the established CDC TB guidance is the best way forward.

Thank you in advance for sharing the CDC guidelines to help all stakeholders and encourage compliance. To learn more, please visit C4UHC.org or email us at info@c4uhc.org.

Best regards,

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Sources:

- Tuberculosis (TB) Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel
- TB Screening and Testing of Health Care Personnel
- Poster: CDC - Updated Recommendations for Tuberculosis (TB) Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel

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