



### **7.3.13 TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SERVICES**

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Policy Owner: Sonoma County Behavioral Health Division – Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI), Substance Use Disorder (SUD), Quality Assurance (QA) Manager

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#### **I. Policy Statement**

Sonoma County Department of Health Services – Behavioral Health Division (DHS-BHD), Substance Use Disorder (SUD), and Community Recovery Services section will comply with all relevant state and federal laws, regulations, and contractual requirements relating to Tuberculosis (TB) Services.

#### **II. Scope**

This policy applies to all DHS-BHD “Covered Persons” including employees (full-time, part-time, extra-help), unpaid interns, paid interns, temporary agency workers, registered volunteers, and all individual providers contractually designated as covered persons. Covered Persons do not include Community Based Organization (CBO) staff.

#### **III. Definitions**

A. Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG): Federal funds awarded by the State of California. Defined by a State-County contract partnership between the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), and Sonoma County.

#### **IV. Policy**

DHS-BHD ensures that TB Services are routinely made available, either directly or by referral, to individuals receiving treatment by reducing barriers to treatment when identifying, referring, and monitoring individuals with suspected or confirmed TB.

1. Services shall include but are not limited to:
  - a. TB testing;
  - b. Counseling the individual with respect to tuberculosis referrals and follow up;
  - c. Providing for, or referring the individuals infected to, appropriate medical evaluation and treatment.

#### **V. Procedures**

A. The DHS-BHD Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI), Auditing and Monitoring Team (AMT), will conduct annual monitoring of all its SUD programs, including contracted providers.

1. The AMT will assess the provider's compliance to the delivery of Tuberculosis Services.

The monitoring will include:

- a. The review of administrative policies, procedures, and practices to support the provision of TB services, screenings, and referrals.
- b. Review health screening process to verify questions about TB that are included in the screening process.
- c. Review participant files for completed screening tools and documentation of referrals for additional services as assessed/requested by member.
- d. Review procedures for infection control and referral process to the TB Control Program;
- e. Review programs for State required reporting procedures, while maintaining State confidentiality requirements.
- f. Any deficiencies or findings will result in an immediate corrective action plan, completed and implemented, to ensure compliance with the TB policy.

## **VI. Compliance Requirement Resources**

- A. 45 CFR 96.127: States shall require any entity receiving SUBG funds for operating a SUD treatment program to follow procedures developed by DHCS in cooperation with the State Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch.
- B. Health & Safety Code, Section 121362: Requires that each health care provider, each person in charge of a health care facility, and each person in charge of a clinic providing outpatient care for TB, shall make a case report to the Local Health Officer within **one working day** if a person is suspected of having, or has active tuberculosis.
- C. Health & Safety Code, Section 121361: A health facility, local detention facility, or State correctional institution, shall not discharge, transfer, or release a patient until notification and a written plan has been submitted—and, in some situations, approved (see exceptions in H&SC 121361)—by the Local Health Officer (of the sending jurisdiction), for any person known to have active tuberculosis disease, or any person who is suspected to have active tuberculosis disease.

## **VII. Forms**

None

## **VIII. Attachments**

None