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DELACARE RULE GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN ECESAC 2013-12

TO: Early Care and Education and School-Age Administrators
FROM: Betty Gail Timm – Resource and Development Manager
DATE: December 17, 2013
SUBJECT: *DELACARE RULE 142 B – Tuberculosis (TB) Requirement Change*

Effective immediately, unless the provider, adult household member, staff member, or substitute exhibits symptoms of tuberculosis, further testing for tuberculosis every five years is no longer required.

Rule 142 B in *DELACARE: RULES FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-AGE CENTERS* states:

Rule 142, “A licensee shall have for every staff member:

- B. Written evidence on file with the Center within the first month of employment of freedom from communicable tuberculosis verified within one (1) year prior to the date of initial employment at the Center, with further testing required every fifth year of employment;”*

[See *DELACARE: RULES FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-AGE CENTERS* for entire rule.]

Effective immediately, unless a staff member exhibits symptoms of tuberculosis, further testing for tuberculosis every five years is no longer required. Licensing Specialists will not be checking for documentation of further TB testing **after the initial review of a staff member’s file**. A representative of the Delaware Department of Public Health has informed this office that regular testing of adults with no symptoms of the disease is no longer necessary.

Please note that proof of freedom from communicable tuberculosis verified within one (1) year prior to the date of initial employment at the Center is still required. This proof, supplied by a health care provider, could be results of a test, x-ray, or paper screening, as deemed appropriate by the medical personnel. Proof of freedom from the disease, updated every five (5) years is no longer required.

PLEASE SHARE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH YOUR STAFF. Contact your Licensing Specialist with any questions.