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DELACARE RULE GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN LFCCH 2013-12

TO: Large Family Child Care Providers
FROM: Betty Gail Timm – Resource and Development Manager
DATE: December 17, 2013
SUBJECT: *DELACARE RULES 89 and 145 – 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 (5) years is no longer required.

Rules 89 and 145 in *DELACARE: RULES FOR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES* state:

Rule 89, “The Applicant shall provide written evidence of health appraisals attesting to his/her health, and the health of any adult household members.

- A. *The written report from a health care provider shall have been completed within one (1) year prior to the date of initial licensure and include, at a minimum:*
- iv. *Freedom from communicable tuberculosis (TB) verified within one (1) year prior to the date of initial licensure, **with further testing every five (5) years;***

Rule 145, “The Licensee shall ensure that a staff member provides written evidence of a health appraisal attesting to his/her health on file at the Large Family Child Care Home within the first month of employment.

- A. *The written report from a health care provider shall have been completed within one (1) year and include, at a minimum:*
- iv. *Freedom from communicable tuberculosis (Tb) verified within one (1) year prior to the date of initial employment at the Large Family Child Care Home, **with further testing every fifth year of employment***

[See *DELACARE: RULES FOR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES* for entire text of these rules.]

Effective immediately, unless the provider, adult household member, or staff member exhibits symptoms of tuberculosis, further testing for tuberculosis every five (5) years is no longer required. Licensing Specialists will not be checking for documentation of further TB testing **after the initial review.** 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 of initial application for the provider, staff member, substitute, and any adult household member, or within one year prior to a household member becoming an adult (reaching age 18) or an adult joining the household 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 SHALL THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH YOUR STAFF. Contact your Licensing Specialist with any questions.