



Client Tuberculosis (TB) Testing and Services Policy

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Policy It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to ensure Tuberculosis (TB) testing is made available to all clients receiving Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services (SUDRS) treatment and to provide TB follow-up once client transitions out of treatment in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 45, Part 96, §96.121 and §96.127.

Purpose To ensure DBH-SUDRS directly operated clinics and contracted providers adhere to requirements as specified under CFR, Title 45, Part 96, § 96.121 and §96.127, and have appropriate guidance to make TB testing and follow-up services a priority available to all applicable clients and assist in minimizing the risk of potential infection and/or spread of TB.

TB Testing & Services DBH has collaborated with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH), and has arranged to provide TB services as required, as outlined in the DBH-DPH Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Key roles and responsibilities are as follows:

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| DPH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB-related client counselling; • Testing to determine whether the client has been infected with TB, and, • Providing medical evaluation and treatment, or referring clients (due to lack of capacity, facility resources or capability) with TB to appropriate medical care. |

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| DPH (continued) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with Guidelines developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases, Tuberculosis Control Branch (TBCB), and the California TB Controllers Association (CTCA), DPH has established infection control procedures designed to assist in TB transmission prevention, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing DBH SUDRS Clinic or Contractor referred clients for TB; ○ Adhering to confidentiality and disclosure requirements in accordance with 42 CFR Part 2 §2.1-§2.67, 45 CFR Part 160 and 164 and Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) 5328; ○ Conducting DPH training such as: TB education, infection control, and prevention of transmission of the disease, and ○ Providing technical assistance, including electronic logs and completion guidance to DBH SUDRS Clinics or Contractors. |

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| DBH SUDRS Clinics or Contractor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a series of questions designed to identify clients who are at high risk of TB and refer these clients to TB testing (e.g. clients with autoimmune disease such as HIV, diabetes mellitus, or have leukemia or lymphoma etc...); • Conduct case management activities to ensure clients receive such TB services as needed; • DBH requires all SUDRS programs – including directly operated and contracted providers, to adhere to reporting requirements in Health and Safety Code §121362 and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17 procedures designed to prevent the transmission of TB and Case management activities; • If a client is denied TB services due to lack of capacity, facility resources or capability, they must be referred to another provider of TB services; |

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| DBH SUDRS Clinics or Contractor (continued) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFR Title 45, Part 96, §96.127 requires the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Advise clients in writing of their right to obtain TB testing and follow-up services, including implementing infection control, and – Conduct follow-up monitoring following transition out of treatment, by disseminating information through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a TB follow-up letter and educational bulletins such as “Stop TB” CDC (2.18 Flyer) in English and Spanish; ▪ Provide TB-related client counselling, and ▪ Ensure 30-day TB follow-up with DPH after client has completed or left SUD treatment. |

Note: All SUDRS clients must provide documented evidence of their TB status within the last 12 months, and if positive, evidence of ongoing treatment or a physician’s clearance to participate in a SUD treatment program. DBH SUDRS Clinics or Contract providers will refer individuals requiring TB testing/treatment to a local public health department, alternate SUD provider or primary physician (upon request of client).

Related Policy or Procedure

[DBH Standard Practice Manual:](#)

- Client-Tuberculosis (TB) Testing and Services Procedure (SUDRS0219-1)

Reference(s)

- California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Part 96, §96.121 and §96.127
- Health and Safety Code §121362