



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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AL TSA: ESF #2017-002
ENHANCED SERVICES FACILITIES -TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

Dear Enhanced Services Facility Administrator:

This letter is to inform you that our department has been asked to provide an interpretation of the ESF Tuberculosis WAC, specifically in relation to when the TB test should be administered:

WAC 388-107-0460

Tuberculosis (TB)—Testing—Required.

The enhanced services facility must:

- (1) Develop and implement a system to ensure staff have TB testing upon employment or starting service; and*
- (2) Ensure that staff have an annual risk assessment completed using the Washington state department of health approved criteria.*

DSHS interprets the current rule to mean that the TB test must be given no later than the first day of employment or the first day the staff person starts providing services. To allow any additional flexibility with this timeline would not be consistent with the requirement that testing take place upon employment. Also, any further delays could jeopardize resident health and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact Penny Rarick, RCS Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3210.

Thank you for your continued commitment to residents served in our Enhanced Services Facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candace Goehring".

Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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