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**AMENDED May 26, 2022**

ALTSA: AFH #2022-020  
ALTSA: ALF #2022-018  
ALTSA: CCRSS #2022-013  
ALTSA: ESF #2022-017

**REINSTATEMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS TESTING REQUIREMENTS JULY 1, 2022**

Dear Administrator / Provider:

**This letter is AMENDED to remove nursing home references. The emergency rules that will expire July 1, 2022 do not include nursing home tuberculosis requirements. All nursing home tuberculosis testing requirements were suspended under separate emergency rulemaking and were reinstated effective September 23, 2021.**

Currently, tuberculosis (TB) testing requirements are suspended by the Department of Social and Health Services under [WSR 22-07-004](#), which will expire July 1, 2022.

Residential Care Services (RCS) will not be refiling emergency rules to extend the suspension of the requirements after the current emergency rules expire. Washington state is experiencing a significant increase in the number of TB cases. It is necessary to reinstate TB testing requirements to reduce the risk of illness to the vulnerable people we serve.

To be prepared to meet the TB testing requirements on July 1, 2022, RCS encourages all facilities and providers to immediately begin staff TB testing. This will allow time to meet the requirements once the emergency rules have expired and the permanent rules are reimplemented.

The following rules will be reimplemented on July 1, 2022:

- For AFH - WACs 388-76-10265, -10285, and 10290(1)
- For ALF - WACs 388-78A-2484, -2480(1), and 2485(1)
- For CCRSS - WACs 388-101D-0650(1) and -0660(3)
- For ESF - WACs 388-107-0490 and 0460(1)

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact [RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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