

# ***4PrettyPurpleWalls LLC.***

## **Advisory Letter for Tuberculosis Prevention**

**Effective Date: December 1, 2019**

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**Category: Tuberculosis Prevention/ Number: AC-2019-01-HHA**

Subject: Adopted and Implemented TB Standards

Applies To: All Staff

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### **IC 16-27-4-15 Tuberculosis test Sec. 15.**

**An employee or agent of a personal services agency who will have direct client contact must complete a tuberculosis test in the same manner as required by the state department for licensed home health agency employees and agents.**

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**Purpose:** 4PrettyPurpleWalls LLC. Homecare Agency has adopted the nationally recognized standard to maintain control and prevention of Tuberculosis in the least restrictive and most cost-effective manner by implementing and following the standard as written below:

**Policy:** 4PrettyPurpleWalls LLC. Homecare Agency will maintain control and prevention of Tuberculosis in the least restrictive and most cost-effective manner, The IDOH is issuing a blanket waiver exempting agencies from current regulatory requirements and instituting an alternative method to achieve the intended outcome of 410 IAC 17-12-1(i). To be exempt from 410 IAC 17-12-1(i), the agency must formally adopt a nationally recognized standard and implement and follow the standard as written. Should an agency fail to meet the exemption requirement, a deficient practice citation will be written at 410 IAC 17-12-1(i).

#### **1. 410 IAC 17-12-1 Home health agency administration and management:**

- (i) The home health agency shall ensure that all employees, staff members, persons providing care on behalf of the agency, and contractors having direct patient contact are evaluated for tuberculosis and documentation as follows:
  - (1) Any person with a negative history of tuberculosis or a negative test result must have a baseline two-step tuberculin skin test using the Mantoux method or a quantifier-TB assay unless the individual has documentation that a tuberculin skin test has been applied at any time during the previous twelve (12) months and the result was negative.
  - (2) The second step of a two-step tuberculin skin test using the Mantoux method must be administered one (1) to three (3) weeks after the first tuberculin skin test was administered.
  - (3) Any person with:

- (A) a documented:
  - (i) history of tuberculosis.
  - (ii) previously positive test result for tuberculosis; or
  - (iii) completion of treatment for tuberculosis; or
- (B) newly positive results to the tuberculin skin test; must have one (1) chest radiograph to exclude a diagnosis of tuberculosis.

(4) After baseline testing, tuberculosis screening must:

- (A) be completed annually; and
- (B) include, at a minimum, a tuberculin skin test using the Mantoux method or a quantifier-TB assay unless the individual was subject to subdivision (3).

(5) Any person having a positive finding on a tuberculosis evaluation may not:

- (A) work in the home health agency; or
- (B) provide direct patient contact, unless approved by a physician to work.

(6) The home health agency will maintain documentation of tuberculosis evaluations showing that any person:

- (A) working for the home health agency; or
- (B) having direct patient contact; has had a negative finding on a tuberculosis examination within the previous twelve (12) months.