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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Date: October 3, 2022

To: Licensed Adult Day Care Centers
Licensed Assisted Living Facilities

From: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

Subject: Virginia Department of Health (VDH) TB Screening

12/2/22 UPDATE:

The DSS Division of Licensing Programs is reviewing TB Risk Assessment information with the VDH. **Licensing will not inspect for the new VDH guidance about which healthcare providers can complete the form beginning December 5.** An updated memo will be sent out once more information is available.

The purpose of this memo is to inform licensed adult day care centers and licensed assisted living facilities that the Virginia Department of Health has updated the [Virginia Tuberculosis \(TB\) Risk Assessment](#) form to be used in screening staff and individuals receiving services according to regulations. This revised and updated form includes guidance on TB screening, testing and treatment.

Important: At the bottom of the risk assessment [form](#) there is a place to document the name of the patient being screened and the name of the provider doing the screening. For purposes of this form, *provider* name refers to the name of the *healthcare provider* performing the TB assessment/screening. **Please note that only physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses can assess risk for TB.** We recognize this may be a change in VDH guidance for some of our facilities. Licensing will begin enforcing this new VDH guidance for TB assessments completed on or after December 5, 2022. If a facility has used licensed practical nurses (LPN) to complete TB assessment forms, this is no longer permitted for forms completed on or after December 5, 2022, as TB assessments are outside the scope of practice for a LPN.

The updated risk assessment [form](#) and guidance document are attached. The ALF [Report of Resident Physical Examination](#) form has also been updated with the new TB

assessment form. These documents can be accessed on the VDSS public website on the ADCC and ALF webpages for your convenience.

Please contact your licensing inspector should you have any questions.