

New Policies and Procedures for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control in Supervised Living Facilities

Recently the Minnesota Department of Health published new requirements regarding occupational exposure to tuberculosis. These requirements apply to all Supervised Living Facilities and are in effect as of March 9, 2009.

The *Policies and Procedures for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control* are designed to meet the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Supervised Living Facilities (SLF) and Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Programs (OSHA) regarding tuberculosis (TB). The “Guidelines for Prevention of the Transmission of *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis* in Healthcare Settings, 2005,” established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), forms the basis of the infection control program.

In facilities identified as low risk for TB transmission there are five components necessary to meet these requirements.

- Create an infection control team with an assigned chair person.
- Conduct a facility risk assessment.
- Identify healthcare workers to be included in a baseline TB screening program that consists of two step skin testing or a TB blood test.
- Develop infection control procedures.
- Provide initial and annual staff training.

Health Counseling Services has researched the MDH, OSHA, and CDC tuberculosis guidelines to develop policies and procedures for licensed SLFs that are considered to be at low risk for TB transmission. These policies and procedures are written to delineate responsibilities and expectations; they include infection control procedures and an occupational exposure to TB plan as well as necessary forms for documentation. At the request of many organizations, we have decided to make them available for purchase.

We also have available an infection control learning packet designed to meet staff training requirements for TB education. Please [click here](#) for more details.

To obtain the newly developed tuberculosis policies and procedures and forms, please complete the order form on the reverse side and send with check or money order to:

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