

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

Policy

In collaboration with the parents/guardians and as quickly as possible, but no later than 30 calendar days from the child's entry into the program, Neighborhood House Association Early Head Start/Head Start requires that all enrolled children must be screened for Tuberculosis (TB) risk factors as part of their physical assessment.

Reference and Regulation:

Head Start Program Performance Standards 1302.42(b)(1)(i) and (ii)
California Community Care Licensing, Title 22, 101220 (b)(2)(d)(2)

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Procedure

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Screening of TB risk factors is conducted by the physician during the child's physical examination. Skin testing is required only if determined necessary by a physician based on the child's risk factors for TB.

- Staff provides the parent/guardian with the Head Start Physical Examination Form during the enrollment process, and alerts the parent/guardian of the required Screening for TB Risk Factors.
- If the physical exam is missing the screening for TB Risk Factors, staff asks the parent/guardian to complete an Authorization to Release Information form, and staff acquires the result by faxing or mailing a copy of the form to the provider's office for completion.
- If the physician/clinic staff provides verbal confirmation of the TB Screening results, staff may document these results on the Supplemental Health Data form.

Risk Factors Present

If TB screening indicates "risk factors present," the medical provider may choose not to perform the TB skin test, but this must be indicated on the physical form. If the appropriate check box was not marked, staff obtains written documentation from the medical provider. Follow the procedure for acquiring missing results mentioned above (see second bullet above), and document verbal results from physician/clinic staff on the Supplemental Health Data form (see third bullet above).

Positive TB Skin Test

If a child has a documented history of a positive TB skin test, then a copy of chest X-ray results or clearance from a medical provider is needed. This documentation is kept in Section 2 of the Child File.

Positive Chest X-Ray

If the child's chest x-ray is positive, staff must:

- Request a copy of the physician's health plan from the parent/guardian.
- Notify the CSQI Health Coordinator immediately.

NOTE: If a current TB skin test was performed and the result is noted on the physical form, the risk factor section may be left blank. If a TB skin test is performed, the result is entered in PROMIS using the result date. If no risk factors were present, it is entered in PROMIS and the date of the physical exam (or date that the risk assessment is completed, if different than the physical date) is used.

PROMIS Data Entry:

Staff will enter information in PROMIS – under Medical Test. Refer to the PROMIS Recordkeeping Standard Operating Policy and Procedure for detailed information.

Documentation:

Physical Examination Form
Supplemental Health Data Form