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Attn: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices
     Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators
     Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Revisions to the Communicable Disease Control Manual – Chapter 4: Tuberculosis (TB) & Chapter 6: Surveillance of Reportable Conditions

Please note that updates have been made to the following sections of the Communicable Disease Control (CDC) Manual – Chapter 4 Tuberculosis & Chapter 6: Surveillance of Reportable Conditions:

- Chapter 4, Tuberculosis:
  - Section 4(a): TB Screening and Testing – Discard and replace page 3

- Chapter 6, Surveillance of Reportable Conditions:
  - Screening Program Form - Updated
  - Instructions for HLTH 939 - Updated

The following high-level changes were made to Chapter 4: Tuberculosis, Section 4(a): TB Screening and Testing: Part 3 of the TB Screening Form is now for internal use and is completed by the TB Services X-Ray Clerk.

The following high-level changes were made to Chapter 6: Surveillance of Reportable Conditions: The “Screening Program Form” is now titled “TB Screening Form” and the “Instructions for HLTH 939” is now titled “TB screening form documentation guide”.

Overview of Changes – TB Screening Form

The TB Screening Form has been updated to ensure screening reflects current practice and is provided in a clear, consistent, concise and equity-oriented manner. The relevant sections of the CD Manual, Chapter 6 and Chapter 4 have been updated to align with the revised TB Screening Form.
The following high-level changes were made on the TB Screening Form:

General Updates

- **Billing Instructions**
  - Included “Bill Patient” since some clients accessing screening for travel and work/school are required to pay for the service.
  - Included “Bill MSP” to emphasize that clients with active MSP have coverage for TB testing.
  - Included content on when “Bill TB Services” is appropriate in the Instructions sections for both HCPs and Radiology Departments.

- **Privacy Statement**
  - Revised to state information is collected under the authority of the Public Health Act versus the Health Act.

Page 1: TB Screening Form

- **Part 1: Client Completes** – Updated content to improve equity-oriented care for trans and gender diverse clients and those self-identifying as Indigenous clients. Request cell number to facilitate virtual health text messaging services for those accessing appointments at BCCDC TB clinics.

- **Part 2: Health Care Provider Completes** – Reorganized and updated language to improve clarity, consistency and quality of information. The revisions inquire about all allergies versus only drug allergies; presenting risk factor content together (TB exposure, TB disease and hepatitis); providing risk factor and symptom assessment prompts; and presenting TB history content together (BCG vaccination, TB/LTBI diagnoses and previous TST/IGRA testing).

- **Part 3: TB Services Completes – Radiology Results** – This section is now for BCCDC internal use to support communication on where to access imaging results.

- **Part 4: TB Services Completes – Recommendations** – Revised to improve clarity of TBS recommendations.

Page 2: Instructions for Completing the Form

- Included content on billing instructions.
- Updated definitions related to travel and homelessness/underhoused to align with TB Manual.
- Included a reminder that health care providers provide patients Page 3, Confidential Chest X-Ray Requisition to take to radiology.
- Included content on the referral process for the FNHA TB Program.
Page 3: Confidential Chest X-Ray Requisition
   o Included in title that this page is the CONFIDENTIAL chest x-ray requisition

Page 4: Instructions for Chest X-Ray Requisition - NEW
   o Instructions for clients and radiology departments included.
   o Included content on billing instructions.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact Maria MacDougall, Nurse Educator, BCCDC TB Services (maria.macdougall@bccdc.ca) or Mandy Deresh, Senior Practice Leader, BCCDC TB Services (mderesh@bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,

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