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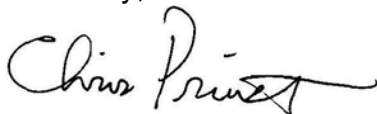
Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

RE: Change to Michigan's Administrative Rules for Testing of Tuberculosis in Long-Term Care Facilities

Effective March 14, 2017, Michigan's Administrative Rules for testing of Tuberculosis (TB) in Long-Term Care Facilities have changed. This change is based on a reduced TB case rate in Michigan from 5.1 cases per 100,000 in 1993 to 1.3 cases per 100,000 population in 2016. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided updated guidelines in 2005 for testing for TB in a healthcare setting to include the provision of a TB risk assessment that would then determine the frequency for testing. The new rule is available at www.michigan.gov/orr >> Latest Rules Activity >> Michigan Administrative Code >> Select the Department >> Licensing and Regulatory Affairs >> Bureau of Community Health Systems >> Nursing Homes and Nursing Care Facilities. Refer to R 325.20506 – Communicable disease screening.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Provider Support, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, at PO Box 30731, Lansing Michigan 48909-8231 or email at Providersupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an email, please include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Sincerely,



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