



**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
POLICY**

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**SUBJECT:
TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AND TUBERCULOSIS
MANAGEMENT DUE TO A TEMPORARY VACCINE
SHORTAGE**

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PURPOSE

Establish a procedure for child tuberculosis testing and treatment during a temporary tuberculosis vaccine shortage in the State of California.

POLICY

Preschool Services Department will, in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, "incorporate the requirements for a schedule of well child care utilized by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program of the Medicaid agency of the State in which they operate, and the latest immunization recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as any additional recommendations from the local Health Services Advisory Committee that are based on prevalent community health problems."

REFERENCE

Head Start Performance Standards 1304.20(a)(1)(i), 1304.20(a)(1)(ii), and 1304.22(b)(1)

PROCEDURE

Per the Department of Public Health for low risk screenings, such as annual or school screenings, PSD will accept any of the following three options:

- TB Risk Assessment/Symptom Screening provided by medical provider
- Medical provider may substitute APRISOL for TUBERSOL
- Medical provider may substitute interferon-release ray blood test for skin test

If the option chosen by the medical provider shows negative for TB then the child is eligible to participate. If the option chosen by the doctor shows positive or at risk for tuberculosis then further treatment is needed before the child may participate.