

**4655.3000 TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF EMPLOYEES.**

Subpart 1. **Responsibility of nursing or boarding care home.** The nursing home or boarding care home shall be responsible for assuring that all employees, prior to employment and as otherwise indicated in this part, show freedom from tuberculosis in accordance with the provisions of this part.

Subp. 2. **Tuberculin test.** All employees, unless certified in writing by a physician to have had a positive reaction to a standard intradermal tuberculin test, shall have a standard intradermal tuberculin test with purified protein derivative (Mantoux) within 45 days prior to employment. If the tuberculin test is negative, the employee shall be considered free from tuberculosis.

Subp. 3. **Positive tests.** If the tuberculin test is positive or if the employee's physician has certified a positive reaction to the tuberculin test, the employee shall submit prior to employment and annually thereafter, a written report by a physician of a negative full-sized chest X-ray taken within the previous 45 days. Annual written reports of the employee's negative chest X-ray shall be required for five years after a documented positive standard intradermal tuberculin test, after which time the employee shall be considered free from tuberculosis. All employees showing positive reaction to the tuberculin test who have taken a complete course of preventive therapy as directed by their physician, shall be considered free from tuberculosis at the completion of the program and shall be exempt from the testing requirements of this part.

Subp. 4. **Written documentation of compliance.** Written documentation of compliance with the above requirements shall be filed in the employee's personnel record.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 144.56; 144A.02 to 144A.08*

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