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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY Waiver of TB Skin Testing for new employees through 4/**30**/20

DATE: April 7, 2020

Due to a difficulty accessing providers that will provide and read TB skin tests, the Agency is issuing a temporary waiver of TB skin testing for new employees. This temporary waiver of skin testing is through 4/**30**/20. We will reevaluate the situation prior to that date and issue new guidance if needed. New employees must complete the Baseline Screening Assessment as attached to this memo. Requirements for annual testing remain the same. Therefore, the Agency is setting forth the following temporary recommendations for Waiver Direct Service Provider employees only:

- For new and initial employee testing: Complete TB skin test if possible. Otherwise, conduct TB screening using the TB Baseline Screening Assessment. It is imperative that employees whose skin tests are deferred be tracked and required to complete the skin testing as soon as reasonably possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginger Wettingfeld at 334-242-5018 or by email at Ginger.Wettingfeld@medicaid.alabama.gov

Attachment: Screening Tool