

PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY

Facility: Sample Facility Name

Address: Sample Facility Address

ZIP: _____

Administrator: Sample Facility Administrator Name

Date: _____

Subject: Program flexibility is requested for Section: 72535 (b) Title 22, California Code of Regulations.

Proposed alternate method(s) for meeting the intent of the regulations is:

The following narrative is intended as sample language when requesting program flexibility for the annual TB testing requirement for a SNF. Note: Each facility type must request a program flexibility from the relevant Title 22 regulation.

Sample Facility is seeking a program flex for the annual tuberculosis (TB) test requirement for SNF employees in Title 22 California Code of Regulations section 72535 (b). The facility is seeking to flex this regulation because of the new 2019 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for TB screening of U.S. healthcare personnel.

Sample Facility proposes to meet the intent of the regulation by following the CDC's May 17, 2019 published guidance: Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel: Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association and CDC, 2019. Sample Facility will continue to conduct initial TB testing of all new healthcare personnel. Sample Facility will conduct a TB exposure risk assessment for each healthcare employee and perform TB testing following the CDC guidance, including evaluation and treatment for TB positive test results. Additionally, Sample Facility will conduct annual TB education training for all healthcare personnel. Please see the attached revised Employee Health Screening and TB Testing Policy for Sample Facility, which incorporates the updated CDC recommendations.