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SUBJECT: FY14 Standing Delegation Orders Updated Effective January 27, 2014

Revised Standing Delegation Orders released on September 1, 2013 have been updated effective January 27, 2014. Attached are the updated Standing Delegation Orders (SDO) and Services to be used for patients who have not been medically seen or evaluated by a physician. Also, they serve as Standing Medical Orders (SMO) and Services for patients who have been evaluated by a physician.

These SDO/SMO and Services are written instructions, orders and procedures prepared by the Department of State Health Services Tuberculosis and Refugee Health Services Branch to promote consistent evaluation and treatment practices for persons with suspected or confirmed TB disease or latent TB infection. The Tuberculosis and Refugee Health Services Branch SDO and SMO and Services are based on recommendations of the American Thoracic Society, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Infectious Disease Society of America, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National TB Controllers Association and DSHS Texas Tuberculosis Expert Panel. It is intended that the procedures done through them be in conformity with the Texas Medical Practice Act and the Texas Nurse Practice Act and the rules promulgated under them.

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