1.0 Purpose
Persons with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection or other immune compromising conditions may not be able to react to the purified protein derivative (PPD) used in the tuberculin skin test (TST). In the past, other antigens were applied in a modified TST procedure in an attempt to assess whether a negative result of the TST was a false negative. This process was called anergy testing, which is no longer recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Anergy Skin Testing and Preventive Therapy for HIV-Infected Persons: Revised Recommendations, MMWR, September 5, 1997, Vol. 46. No. RR-15).

2.0 Policy
2.1 DSHS does not recommend anergy testing or supply the materials to perform this test.

3.0 Definitions
3.1 Anergy testing – a diagnostic procedure used to obtain information regarding the competence of the cellular immune system.
3.2 PPD – purified protein derivative is the antigen used in the tuberculin skin test for infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
3.3 TST – the tuberculin skin test is a diagnostic procedure used to identify persons with infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

4.0 Persons Affected
Employees of DSHS and local health departments
Local and regional health department managers
Physicians and nurses involved in the delivery of TB services

5.0 Responsibilities

6.0 Procedures

7.0 Revision History

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