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To: Medi-Cal PCPs
From: Provider Communication
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Subject: **California Department of Public Health TB Screening Recommendations**

In collaboration with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Program, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Tuberculosis Control Branch offers guidance on tuberculosis (TB) screening.

Despite being preventable, TB remains a significant health issue, particularly affecting Medi-Cal enrollees with an infection rate of 68%, and marginalized communities.

To reduce TB disease, CDPH recommends:

1. **Screen** all patients for TB risk factors using the California TB Risk Assessment.
2. **Test** for TB infection if risks are identified, preferably with an IGRA.
3. Ensure patients do not have active TB disease through symptom screening and chest x-ray before treating latent TB infection (LTBI).
4. **Treat LTBI** with rifamycin-based therapies for 3-4 months.

You are essential in identifying at-risk patients. Assembly Bill 2132 mandates TB screening for adult primary care patients with risk factors. For individuals who test positive for latent TB, follow-up or referral for treatment is necessary. Note that those not eligible for full Medi-Cal coverage may still receive outpatient TB services at no cost under aid code 7H through the Medi-Cal Tuberculosis Program.

Further information on TB-related services is available through the Medi-Cal Tuberculosis Program. CDPH hosts webinars on LTBI best practices; to learn more about their next training, you may reach them at TBFreeCATraining@cdph.ca.gov

For questions about TB clinical care or for additional resources, please contact CDPH TB Control Branch at: TBCB@cdph.ca.gov

If you have any questions, please contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org

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