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**TO:** Recipients of State-supplied PPD

**FROM:** Kirby Kruger, Chief  
Medical Services Section

**DATE:** June 6, 2011

**RE:** Change in Supplying PPD Policy

Effective **July 1, 2011**, the North Dakota Department of Health Tuberculosis Program will no longer provide PPD for occupational screening of TB in the state.

Facilities performing tuberculin skin tests on employees will have to purchase PPD directly from the pharmaceutical company of their choice.

PPD will continue to be provided to facilities at no cost for testing clients who are deemed to be at risk for TB in accordance with the most current CDC recommendations. These recommendations are in MMWR, Volume 54, No. RR-12, dated November 4, 2005, located at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/disease/tb/>. On the left side of the screen, click on *Resources*. Under the heading *Guidelines and Resources*, click on *Controlling TB in the US* and go to page 11.

Any questions regarding the change can be directed to the Division of Disease Control at 701.328.2376 or 1.800.472.2180.

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