




United Behavioral Health

Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Referral			Policy Identifier/Number: CM-22
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Policy Category: Government – Pierce Regional Support Network	Applicable Lines of Business: Medicaid	Entity/Plan: Optum Pierce Behavioral Health Organization	State: Pierce County, Washington
Approved by: Bea Dixon, Executive Director			Signature: 

Policy Statement and Purpose

Optum Pierce Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) requires all substance use disorder (SUD) treatment agencies to provide tuberculosis services to individuals receiving SUD treatment services.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Optum Pierce BHO agencies receiving funds from the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) will follow Department of Health (DOH) procedures which address how an agency will, directly or through other arrangements, make available tuberculosis services to each individual receiving substance use disorder treatment.

Policy Audience and Applicability

This policy is applicable to the Optum Pierce BHO and benefits administered through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) current Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP).

Policy Definitions

N/A

Policy Provisions

1. Optum Pierce BHO requires its substance use disorder (SUD) agencies directly, or through arrangement with other public entities, to make tuberculosis services available to each individual receiving treatment services.
2. For purposes of this policy, “tuberculosis services”, with respect to an individual, means:
 - 2.1 Counseling the individual with respect to tuberculosis;
 - 2.2 Screening and/or testing to determine whether the individual has been infected with tuberculosis to discern the appropriate form of treatment for the individual; and

Optum is responsible for adhering to all applicable state and/or federal laws governing activities within the scope of this policy, including the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy requirements, as well as the applicable requirements, standards and regulations as set forth by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Labor (DoL), and any applicable accrediting organizations.

- 2.1. Providing for or referring the individual(s) infected by tuberculosis for appropriate medical evaluation and treatment.
3. The SUD agency must implement infection control procedures developed by Washington State DOH which are designed to prevent the transmission of tuberculosis including the following:
 - 3.1. Screening each individual for tuberculosis;
 - 3.2. Identifying those individuals who are at high risk of becoming infected;
 - 3.3. Meeting all the State reporting requirements while adhering to Federal and State confidentiality requirements, including *42 CFR Part 2*; and
 - 3.4. Providing case management activities to ensure that individuals receive appropriate services and/or care.
4. In the event that an individual in need of SUD treatment services is denied admission to the tuberculosis program on the basis of lack of capacity, the SUD agency will refer the individual to another provider of tuberculosis services.

Related Policies, Procedures & Materials

- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: CM 24 – *Outreach Services and Priority Populations*

Attachments

N/A

Approval History

- Policy created and effective: 04/2016
- Optum Pierce BHO reviewed and accepted: February 2018