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**Tuberculosis Screening
General Screening Policy**

- The public health mission to provide first for general community safety means that fees for services will **not** be charged to **individuals** seeking medical evaluation, treatment, or epidemiologic follow-up, including administrative costs, associated with sexually transmitted disease and **tuberculosis** (referring to West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 64, Fees for Service, Series 51, 64-51-9.2). (Also in reference to § 64-51-4.2, Services cannot be denied due to inability to pay.)
- The Tuberculin Skin Test (Mantoux method) is part of a medical evaluation.
- The Tuberculosis Control Program provides testing materials through the local health department for distribution, to maintain control over their use and reporting. These supplies may be used for: evaluation and epidemiologic follow-up, routine testing of school employees (reference WV Code 16-30-3) for EPSDT and PHS patient screening (wherever they are receiving care), for routine testing of **volunteer** emergency medical personnel, and for high incidence groups or situations identified by the local health department.
- Screening should be considered in groups that experience disease and infection rates substantially in excess of that of the general population (e.g., refugees, immigrants from Central and South America, South East Asia, etc.).
- The major, justifiable reason for continued screening in most U.S. population groups is to find infected individuals and to prevent disease in persons found infected. Therefore, *preventive therapy for infected persons must receive as high priority as the actual screening program.* Medication for this is also supplied, by the Tuberculosis Control Program, through the local health departments.

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