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Governor Matthew H. Mead

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Re: WDH supplied TB testing materials

Dear TB Program Partner:

Federal regulations have changed which has affected how the TB Program can purchase and distribute TB testing supplies. 340B regulations no longer allow any parent-child relationships for distributing 340B purchased materials, including Aplisol. Because of these regulations, the WDH TB program can no longer supply TB testing materials to your facility. At this point, we do not foresee a change in regulations that would allow us to distribute supplies in the future. The TB program will maintain a small inventory of TB testing supplies for state requested testing, such as contact investigations or other emergencies.

As before, the TB program will pre-authorize payment for IGRA testing in high-risk individuals (foreign-born or contact to active TB). Previously, the TB program has required reporting of TB testing results (either on paper or through the WyIR); because we can no longer provide testing supplies we also will no longer require reporting of testing results. You may consider continuing entry of TB testing results into the WyIR so those results are available to providers state-wide.

Individual facility certification as a 340B TB entity would allow your individual facility to purchase TB testing supplies at a significant reduction from retail prices. You can get information about 340B certification at <https://opanel.hrsa.gov/340B/>. There is also a technical assistance provider, Apexus, <https://www.apexus.com/solutions/apexus-answers> that can help answer questions and provide technical assistance needs if you choose to pursue 340B certification.

Our apologies that we can no longer provide this service to facilities in Wyoming. Please feel free to contact Samantha Birch (samantha.birch@wyo.gov or 307-777-6563) or Corrie Graham (corrie.graham@wyo.gov or 307-777-7719) if you have further questions. We appreciate your past participation as a TB program partner. Thank you for your collaboration in eliminating TB.

Sincerely,



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