

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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Adult Training Facilities (55 Pa.Code Chapter 2380)

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – September 2015

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulation: § 2380.111(b), (c)(5) – Individual Physical Examination

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(b) The physical examination documentation shall be signed and dated by a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or certified physician's assistant.

(c) The physical examination shall include:

(5) Tuberculin skin testing with negative results every 2 years; or, if the tuberculin skin test is positive, an initial chest X-ray with results noted.

Question: Are medical assistants permitted to read an individual's TB skin test?

ANSWER: According to the CDC, a TB skin test should be read by a "health-care worker trained to read tuberculin skin testing (TST) results." Therefore, a medical assistant who has been trained to read TST results is considered qualified and is permitted to do so under the regulations.