

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

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – April 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) – Individual Physical Examination

§ 2380.111(b) - The physical examination documentation shall be signed and dated by a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or certified physician's assistant.

Question: Is it permissible to leave blanks on an individual's physical examination form?

ANSWER: It is not acceptable to leave blanks on an individual's physical examination form. Each medical information item listed on the physical examination form is information that is pertinent to providing the care and services necessary for each individual. If the medical information item is indeed "not applicable (NA)" or there is "none," then the medical professional filling out the form must denote that on the form. The facility shall ensure medical professionals do not leave any blanks when completing individual physical examination forms.

The application of this interpretation will begin 6 months from the date of this clarification – November 1, 2015.

Regulation: § 2380.113(c)(2) – Staff Physical Examination

§ 2380.113(c) - The physical examination shall include:

(2) 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. Tuberculin skin testing may be completed and certified in writing by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse instead of a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or certified physician's assistant.

Question: Can the T-Spot test be used for tuberculosis skin testing instead of the Mantoux method?

ANSWER: Yes. The T-Spot test is a blood test used for tuberculosis skin testing. It is FDA-approved and can be performed in one visit to a physician's office.