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MEMORANDUM 2015-1

TO: Local TB Nurses

FROM: Jason Stout, M.D.
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DATE: June 10, 2015

RE: Changes to the NC TB Control Policy Manual

Please see below for a list of corrections and additions to the N.C. TB Control Policy Manual. These changes have been posted on our web site (<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/tb/toc.html>) and can be found in the respective chapters. Please download the new information and incorporate these pages into your manual to ensure that you are basing your management of TB on the most current policies.

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| Chapter II | Page 9, I. 9 | Took out # 9. This discussed class a/b refugee and immigrants. Instructions regarding class a/b refugees can be found in chapter IX, page |
| Chapter IV | Page 3, O | Changed the definition of culture conversion to align with CDC indicators by taking out “at least seven days after a positive culture” Conversion date is now defined as “the date specimen collected for the first consistently negative sputum culture; if subsequent cultures are found to be positive, this negates the conversion. |
| Chapter IV | Page 12, 2 | Added that video DOT is acceptable |
| Chapter IV | Page 40 | Added creatinine to the list of labs needed at baseline. The need to collect creatinine at baseline was already in the baseline monitoring section but it was not on this chart previously. |
| Chapter Vi | Page 2 | Took out instructions to return expired drugs to the Field Development Unit and added “All expired drug disposal is the responsibility of the local health department in accordance with |

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		state and local drug disposal guidelines.” Provided a link to the drug order form (DHHS 3093)
Chapter IX	Page 1, B	Added a link to download the W-9 form that the landlord/rental agent must submit to the ALA
Chapter IX	Pages 10-12	Revised the instructions regarding the evaluation of Class B immigrants.
Chapter IX	Page 21	Provided a link to the University of Florida Infectious Disease Pharmacokinetics Laboratory forms rather than having the form
Chapter IX	Page 22	Provided links instead of copies of The NC State Laboratory Mycobacteriology requisition form (DHHS 1247) and the Report Report of Positive (AFB) and/or Positive Culture of M.Tuberculosis (DHHS 3005)
Chapter IX	Page 36	Provided a link instead of copies for the requisition for Tuberculosis Control Materials (DHHS 2407) and the The CDC TB Materials Order Form.
Chapter IX	Pages 37-38	Updated the New Nurse Orientation Checklist
Chapter IX	Pages 52-56	Added the cohort review policies, procedures, and form.
Chapter IX	Pages 57-58	Added the video DOT policies and procedures
Chapter IX	Pages 59	Took out the printed state and territory TB contacts and replaced It with a link to the National TB Controllers Association website which maintains a list of TB contacts for each state and territory. A link to the interjurisdictional notification form was also added.