

Green Apple Counseling

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POLICY: CONTAGIONS: TB/HIV/AIDS/HEPATITIS B and C PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To limit the exposure of contagions.

Tuberculosis:

- **Client testing for TB**
 - Green Apple Counseling shall include on the social/medical history data collection as to the last PPD testing that client had received. At the time of evaluation, he/she will be made aware to the local public health facility, Green Apple Counseling or other local providers that provide PPD testing, and a referral will be made at the request of the client. If the patient tests positive, Center for Disease Control (CDC) Program Guidelines will be followed, and a referral will be made to a provider for diagnosis and for medication and future testing protocols.
- **Staff Testing for TB**
 - All staff involved with direct patient care at Green Apple Counseling are required to have a 2 step PPD test within 7 days of employment, in accordance with the current State DPHHS and CDC guidelines; or provide proof of a previous test within the year and this shall be recorded in their personnel records. Any employee who tests positive for TB shall be referred to a provider for further testing and diagnosis. An annual review by the Chief Medical Officer will determine employees who are at high risk to being exposed to TB patients.

Hepatitis B and C:

- **Client testing for Hepatitis B and C**
 - Green Apple Counseling shall include on the social/medical history data collection as to the last Hepatitis B and C testing that client had received. At the time of evaluation, he/she will be made aware of the local resources, including Green Apple Counseling providers that can provide testing.
 - For clients whose test results are positive for Hepatitis B and C: licensed addiction counselors will:
 - provide psychological support, refer the client for additional counseling (if needed), or both
 - ensure that the client knows where and how to obtain more information and services
 - refer the client for medical evaluation, care, and treatment (including screening or care for sexually transmitted diseases, vaccination or treatment for viral hepatitis, and referrals to reproductive health services)

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HIV and IV drug related users.

- HIV/AIDS
 - All HIV/AIDS diagnosed individuals are a priority population for substance related disorders treatment and are to be assessed within 48 hours of a request for services.
 - All HIV/AIDS diagnosed individuals, or those whose IV Drug usage and/or Sexual behavior is considered to be at high risk, shall be referred to their physician, community health clinic or hospital for medical services, including counseling services. These services shall be performed outside the program at Green Apple Counseling Community Health Center, Inc.
- For clients whose test results are positive for HIV/AIDS, licensed addiction counselors will:
 - provide psychological support, refer the client for additional counseling (if needed), or both
 - ensure that the client knows where and how to obtain more information and services
 - refer the client for medical evaluation, care, and treatment (including screening or care for sexually transmitted diseases, vaccination or treatment for viral hepatitis, and referrals to reproductive health services)

All TB/HIV/AIDS/HEPATITIS B and C diagnosed individuals are a priority population for substance related disorders and will be assessed within 48 hours after the individual seeks treatment and the client will be provided treatment within 5 working days of diagnosis or, when supported by the most current revised edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Patient Placement Criteria, a referral to a higher level of care will be made.