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Subject: CDC's New TB Care Finder

Dear TB Controllers and Program Managers,

CDC has created a web portal called **TB Care Finder**, which is expected to be live in the fall of 2021. The goal of **TB Care Finder** is to assist in-bound US immigrants who have tuberculosis classifications (e.g., Class B1, Class B2) to find the correct TB program or provider for their follow up evaluation. The National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) has worked with DGMQ as this new program has been developed and we are pleased to help distribute the information about the web portal and the new service!

DGMQ would like for your program to engage with them in this endeavor as a **TB Care Finder partner**. To become a partner, they need your help in providing up-to-date information for your jurisdiction, such as location, hours of operation, program contact information, or other customized health resources.

To start the process, we invite you to learn more about the TB Care Finder.

How do I learn more about TB Care Finder?

1. Get familiar with the **TB Care Finder**. NTCA will be hosting our DGMQ colleagues who will present the **TB Care Finder** at a Community of Practice (CoP) session on Thursday, September 9th, 2021. You, or a designated staff member(s) should attend this session. Please register for this call by accessing the link below. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation with the Zoom coordinates for the 9/9 CoP call.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i2-8kkGIQWqHLZ7PO515gA

2. If you would like to learn more now, you can contact Bianka Rubio, Communications Specialist at CDC: pja6@cdc.gov

In advance fo the CoP call, if you are already committed to become a TB Care partner, you may set up a TB Care Finder account by following the steps below.

1. First, determine who in your jurisdiction will provide and update **TB Care Finder** information.
2. If your designated staff is not already registered with CDC's Secure Access Management Services (SAMS), they will need to do so. To enroll in SAMS send an email to: TBCareFinder@cdc.gov

3. If they are already enrolled in SAMS please send an email to: TBCareFinder@cdc.gov so that we can add them to the TB Care Finder activity in SAMS. This will allow them to access **TB Care Finder** once it is live.
4. Begin collecting key information for your jurisdiction, this is the information that you will later be able to upload to the **TB Care Finder**. This information includes:
 1. Program name, address, email, phone, and website
 2. Health department location
 3. Types of services your program provides for entrants with B tuberculosis classifications
 4. If entrants with class B conditions be required to pay for their care and, if so, an indication of costs may be helpful
 5. Who entrants with class B conditions should contact if they think they have developed TB symptoms
 6. Letters or instructions for entrants in English and/or Spanish

We hope you will find that the **TB Care Finder** improves your ability to connect with Class B TB entrants arriving to your jurisdiction. Feel free to contact us for more information at ntca@tbcontrollers.org

In partnership,

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