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SUBJECT

Immunization of Patients/Residents and Employees

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**SCOPE:** State Mental Health Facilities  
State Mental Retardation Centers and Units

**PURPOSE:** To update policy on the immunization of patients, residents, and employees of state mental health (including Long Term Care units and the restoration center) and mental retardation (centers and units) facilities for communicable and infectious diseases including but not limited to Hepatitis B, tetanus, diphtheria, measles, Pertussis, poliomyelitis, mumps, Rubella, influenza, and pneumonia.

**POLICY:** The infection control committee of each state mental health and mental retardation facility shall develop facility specific policies and procedures for the inoculation of patients, residents, and employees pursuant to the recommended guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**OTHER RELATED BULLETIN:**

Administrative-Bulletin #7137-85-1, Hepatitis B Vaccination Program

**OBSOLETES:**

Mental Health Bulletin #99-83-18, Immunization of Patients/ Residents and Employees

Mental Health Bulletin #99-83-36, Immunization for Hepatitis B of Patients and Employees

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