

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING**  
**Family Living Homes**  
(55 Pa.Code Chapter 6500)

**Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – October 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: § 6500.104 – Portable Space Heaters**

*§ 6500.104 - Portable space heaters defined as heaters that are not permanently mounted or installed, may not be used while individuals are in the home.*

**Question:** Must PTAC units (Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner) be hard-wired?

**ANSWER:** If the PTAC unit is designed to be plugged into a normal outlet, and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, then the PTAC unit does not need to be hard-wired.

**Regulation: § 6500.121(c)(6) – Individual Physical Examination;  
§ 6500.125(c)(2) – Family Physical Examination**

*§ 6500.121(c) - The physical examination shall include:*

*(6) Tuberculin skin testing by Mantoux method with negative results every 2 years for individuals 1 year of age or older; or, if a tuberculin skin test is positive, an initial chest x-ray with results noted.*

*§ 6500.125(c) - The physical examination shall include:*

*(2) Tuberculin skin testing by Mantoux method with negative results every 2 years for family members 1 year of age or older; or, if a 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 licensed practical nurse instead of a licensed physician.*

**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.

**Question:** Can the QuantiFERON-TB Gold test be used for tuberculosis skin testing instead of the Mantoux method?

**ANSWER:** Yes. The QuantiFERON-TB Gold 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.