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December 20, 1968

TO: ALL APPROVED TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS

RE: REGULATIONS FOR TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION.

The State Board of Control at its meeting on October 30, 1968, after reviewing the recommendation of the Hospital Licensing Board, approved regulations for tuberculosis hospital classification. These regulations supplement existing hospital standards and have been made a part of the Manual of Standards for Private Hospitals. The regulations will apply to both private and governmental tuberculosis hospital facilities.

A copy of the regulations are attached and it is requested that you acknowledge their receipt by signing and returning the form below. Any question regarding the regulations should be directed to Mr. Thomas M. Russo, Chief of the Bureau of Community Institutions, of this Department.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd W. McCorkle

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Commissioner

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This will acknowledge receipt of the regulations for tuberculosis hospital classification adopted by the State Board of Control on October 30, 1968.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Name of Hospital Facility

Date

Address

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REGULATIONS FOR TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL CLASSIFICATION

GENERAL:

The following regulations, adopted by the State Board of Control on October 30, 1968 and effective on that date, are applicable to all tuberculosis hospitals or sanatoria.

Plans and designs for new construction and additions or alterations to tuberculosis hospitals shall not be approved nor shall approval for operation be issued by the Department unless there is compliance with the following regulations and unless such plans and designs contemplate that, upon completion, all required services shall be provided as specified in the following.

DEFINITION:

A tuberculosis hospital or sanatorium is defined as a medical institution which assures the provision of comprehensive specialized diagnosis, care, treatment and rehabilitation where applicable on an in-patient basis for patients of all ages who are suspects of or definitely diagnosed as having tuberculosis or a related condition.

CONDITIONS:

1. Tuberculosis hospitals shall conform to applicable administrative, professional, paramedical, ancillary and institutional service requirements set forth in State regulations for the operation of general hospitals.
2. Provision of beds and limitation of admissions shall not necessarily be restricted to any one region and may be on a State-wide basis.
3. The physical plant of a tuberculosis hospital shall meet insofar as possible the applicable requirements of Section III of this manual and the applicable construction standards of the United States Public Health Service.
4. A tuberculosis hospital shall be under the medical direction of a qualified specialist in the field of tuberculosis. He shall, on a day to day basis, be responsible for and shall be present as necessary to insure active medical direction and supervision of the hospital.

5. Physician staffing shall be adequate to provide qualified physician-specialist supervision and care of all patients.
6. "By-laws of the medical staff" approved by the Medical Society of New Jersey and the American Hospital Association, and the organizational pattern provided in the manual of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals may be used as a guide in establishment of the tuberculosis hospital organization. Tuberculosis hospitals shall not be approved unless the standards established by the hospital are equivalent to those required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.
7. In hospitals where patients without a positive diagnosis of tuberculosis are admitted and retained, these patients shall be appropriately isolated from known tuberculosis patients.
8. The tuberculosis hospital shall have active utilization review procedures equivalent to those given in conditions of participation for hospitals under Title XVIII of the Social Security Amendments of 1965.
9. Tuberculosis hospitals shall provide out-patient medical consultation and services on an appointment basis, in tuberculosis and related diseases, and shall accept, when medically indicated, patients seeking such services regardless of their ability to pay.
10. Tuberculosis hospitals shall have suitable and effective arrangements for provision of x-ray, clinical laboratory and pathology services, (including autopsy services) and shall maintain formal arrangements, either within or outside the hospital, for provision of services in applicable specialties equivalent to those required by State regulations for general hospitals.
11. Formal arrangements shall be provided for the immediate transfer of patients to a general hospital or other appropriate medical facility when required.
12. A Social Service Department shall be maintained adequate to assure expedient placement of patients in other facilities, adequate to provide for the

health, social, and economic needs of the patient, or to effect their discharge when hospitalization is completed. There shall be a definite policy established for referral of a patient who needs community service to an appropriate agency on his discharge from the hospital.
