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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-153

This letter is to provide information on the changes to Adoption Regulations section 35087(a)(5) which eliminates the requirement for a certificate that each adult residing in the home of the petitioner is free from communicable tuberculosis (TB).



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TO: ALL CDSS ADOPTION REGIONAL OFFICE MANAGERS
ALL LICENSED ADOPTIONS AGENCIES
ALL DELEGATED COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF A
COMMUNICABLE TUBERCULOSIS FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN
INDEPENDENT ADOPTION

REFERENCE: [TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SUBCHAPTER
4, ARTICLE 1](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to provide notice to all California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Regional Offices, all delegated county adoption agencies and all licensed private adoption agencies regarding the removal of the requirement for a certificate that each adult residing in the home of the petitioner is free from communicable tuberculosis (TB).

Adoption Regulation section 35087(a)(5) currently requires for the purpose of adoption that specific documentation be submitted to facilitate the independent adoption assessment. The documentation was required to include a certificate that each adult residing in the home of the petitioner is free from TB.

Effective immediately, a certificate that each adult residing in the home of petitioner is free from TB is no longer required by regulation for the purposes of completing an independent adoption. The requirement is being removed to ensure consistency with changes made to the agency adoption program that also removed the TB requirement (See [ACL 21-19](#)).

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Adoptions Services Branch at (916) 651-8089 or at IAP@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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