H 46.02 Tuberculosis—Contacts: No restrictions

H 46.03 Tuberculosis cases—environment: disinfection. All handkerchiefs, towels, cloths, eating utensils and other contaminated material used by a person with tuberculosis shall receive appropriate disinfection before coming in contact with others. Upon the death or removal of a person with tuberculosis the health officer shall require disinfection of the premises occupied by the patient by a thorough washing of the woodwork by soap and water or a disinfectant, boiling of the dishes and contaminated fabrics, and a thorough sunning of material which cannot be subjected to other disinfection.

(Note: It is the intent of these rules and regulations to give reasonable protection to the public from exposure to an individual afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in the communicable form.)

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS TO STATE TUBERCULOSIS CAMP

H 46.60 Tuberculosis camp. The state tuberculosis camp located at Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin, is for the care of persons threatened with or recovering from tuberculosis.

H 46.61 Admissions to be approved. Admissions to the camp must be approved by the state health officer or any physician employed by the board and designated by him for the purpose.

H 46.62 Who shall be admitted. Male or female persons may be admitted to the camp, who are convalescing from or threatened with clinical tuberculosis. Their disease must meet the following requirements constituting inactivity: Lesions as observed in serial roentgenograms must be stable except for extremely slow shrinkage, and there must be no roentgenologic evidence of cavity. Symptoms of tuberculous origin must be absent. Sputum, if any, must be found negative for tubercle bacilli repeatedly, not only by concentration and microscopic examination, but also by culture or animal inoculation. When a patient is not raising sputum or when there is any question concerning the authenticity or adequacy of expectorated sputum specimens, the fasting gastric contents or pulmonary secretions which have been aspirated from the tracheobronchial tree should be examined by culture or animal inoculation. The patient must have been ambulatory for at least two hours for a period of two months. Preference will be given to patients between 16-60 years of age.

H 46.63 Patients to be rehabilitated. Patients must be suitable for rehabilitation, which includes the absence of complications rendering them unfit for camp regimen. Patients who develop complications which cannot be properly treated at or near the camp or which render them unsuitable for the camp may be discharged or given a leave of absence for the purpose of procuring treatment.

H 46.64 Discharge of patients. Patients shall be discharged when they are rehabilitated and may be discharged for disciplinary reasons unless they have a positive sputum or gastric culture.

H 46.65 Active tuberculosis. Patients whose tuberculosis is found or suspected to be active shall be returned to a sanatorium or returned to the court which admitted them.

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H 46.66 Admission of nonresidents. The camp is intended for the rehabilitation of Wisconsin residents, but since it is most economical to make the fullest possible use of the camp's facilities, the state health officer is authorized to admit nonresidents when there are sufficient vacant beds available. He shall arrange that payment of the cost of maintenance of any such patient is adequately guaranteed by some responsible person or agency as well as requiring such person or/agency to/arrange transportation of the patient to and from the camp. Any such patient may be dicharged pursuant to rules H 46.63, 46.64 and 46.65, and shall be discharged at any time when the facilities of the camp may be needed for the care of Wisconsin residents. The state health officer shall see that there is at all times a sufficient reserve of vacant beds to insure the immediate admission, without waiting, of any Wisconsin resident eligible for the camp, and shall discharge nonresident patients when necessary to maintain such reserve of beds.

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