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To: Local Health Department TB Programs

From: Jason Stout, MD, MHS, TB Controller/Medical Director

Re: Resolution of TB drug shortages

I have been informed that the shortages of medications used to treat active and latent tuberculosis have resolved. Providers and health departments should offer treatment to persons with latent tuberculosis whose treatment was previously delayed by the drug shortage, and may offer treatment to people newly presenting with latent tuberculosis infection. Appropriate social distancing measures to protect patients and healthcare workers should be observed when contact is necessary to provide latent tuberculosis treatment.