A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
To isolate and prevent the spread of TB and to provide a consistent living space where clients can easily be found for follow-up and/or treatment.

B. DEFINITIONS

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C. POLICY
The Pima County Health Department TB Program may provide temporary housing facilities for transient or homeless persons who have been identified as a TB Suspect or TB Case by the TB clinician and who are in the process of medical evaluation/treatment through the Pima County Health Department TB Control Program.

D. PROCEDURE

Nurse Case Manager:

1. MOVE-IN:
   a. Inform TB Program Manager that housing is needed.
   b. Explain to client reason for temporary housing and expectations around isolation precautions.
   c. Inform Clerical staff that new client will need temporary housing. Establish approximate length of stay.
   d. If Outreach Worker is available, introduce client to outreach worker and explain outreach worker’s role in treatment plan.
   e. Request Clerical staff to arrange transportation to housing.
f. Provide prepared food/supply box to client.

2. MOVE-OUT:

a. Inform Clerical Staff and Outreach Worker of client’s move-out date one to two days before.

Clerical Staff:

1. MOVE-IN:

a. Notify unit manager/owner that housing is need for TB Client and establish that a unit is available.

b. Provide information to unit manager about approximate length of stay.

c. Document information on Temporary Housing Log.

d. Provide payment via purchase card on day of initial rental, then monthly thereafter until housing no longer needed. Obtain receipt for reconciliation.

e. Update Temporary Housing Log regularly.

2. MOVE-OUT:

a. Notify unit manager of move-out date.

Outreach Worker:

1. MOVE-IN:

a. Review with and have client sign Temporary Housing Agreement. File in chart.

b. Inform client of how to contact unit manager and Outreach Worker.

c. Remind client of isolation precautions until notified that not infectious.

d. Assess what food/supplies client has already been given at initial clinic visit.

2. MOVE-OUT:

a. Coordinate with Nurse Case Manager move-out date.
b. Meet with unit manager and client at room to turn in key and do walk-through of room.

c. Collect all non-perishable food items and supplies provided by County and return to stock.

d. Inform Nurse Case Manager that client has moved out.

**Stock Items**

The TB Clinic will maintain various stock items in the clinic (Refer to Temporary Housing Clinic Food/Supply Items list)