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TO: Health Officers, Local Health Nursing Directors, TB Program Staff

FROM: DOH TB Program

SUBJECT: Videophones for Directly Observed Therapy

Videophones for directly observed therapy (VDOT) are available for loan by the Department of Health TB Program to local health jurisdictions (LHJs) upon request by contacting the TB Program Coordinator or a Nursing Consultant.

A manual with protocols will accompany the loaned videophones. The manual includes:

- 1) LHJ protocols/process for receiving, distributing and returning videophone(s)
- 2) Protocol for reporting lost, stolen or damaged videophones
- 3) DOH Forms: Release of Liability Form; VDOT Consent Form; Report of Loss, Theft, or Damage Form
- 4) Attachment of examples from Snohomish Health District and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department that includes:
  - tips for a successful VDOT program
  - guidelines for use of VDOT
  - examples of consent forms for use of videophone to provide DOT
  - VDOT log
  - VDOT patient questionnaire 343-NonDOH January 2009
- 5) Floppy Disc – contains policies and procedures for DOH and LHJs; DOH forms listed above; list of contacts
- 6) CD – depicts process of interaction with healthcare worker and patient using a videophone for DOT (produced by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

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