



TB and the Law Project

Types of Health Orders Related to Tuberculosis Control

A health officer may issue the following health orders.¹ Health orders are legally enforceable if proper procedures are followed.

- ❑ Detention for purposes of examination.
- ❑ Completion of a prescribed course of medication.
- ❑ Compliance with infection control precautions.
- ❑ Compliance with DOT plan (if an active TB patient is unable or unwilling to complete a prescribed course of medication).
- ❑ Detention in a health or other treatment facility if a person is substantially likely to have infectious TB and to transmit the disease.
- ❑ Detention in a health or other treatment facility if (1) a person has active TB and shows no evidence of having completed treatment and (2) there is a substantial likelihood, based on past or present behavior, that the patient cannot be relied upon to complete treatment and follow infection control precautions.
- ❑ Exclusion from attendance at the workplace.
- ❑ Home isolation.
- ❑ Other orders the health officer deems necessary and appropriate.

¹ See Cal. Health & Safety Code § 121365.