

## Entry Screening Job Aid: Single-use Oral Thermometer

### Alternative to IR Thermometer for Taking Temperatures

When an individual who is entering a MHC facility objects to the use of the IR thermometer on their forehead, the approved alternative is a single-use digital oral thermometer, NMSA Item #21070.

#### To use the single-use digital oral thermometer:

- Push the multi-function button located beside the display window. The thermometer will beep and the display will read **188.8**. This is a function check indicating the unit is working properly. The thermometer will read **L F** (Fahrenheit) or **L C** (Celsius); ensure the thermometer is set for **L F**.
  - To change the measuring scale: From the **OFF** position, hold down the multifunction button for 5 seconds. The thermometer will automatically change from F to C or C to F. Release the button.
- The **F** symbol will flash when the unit is ready to measure temperature.
- Hand the thermometer to the individual.
- Direct the individual to:
  1. Move 6 feet away from you and other people
  2. Remove their mask
  3. Position the thermometer under their tongue and to keep mouth closed
- Wait for sequence of beeps to sound that indicates the temperature is ready to read.
- Ask the individual to replace their mask and show you the thermometer display for you to read the temperature.
- Direct the individual to dispose of the thermometer.

**If the temperature is <100.4°:** direct the individual to hand-sanitize and provide the MHC earloop mask to wear either in place of or in addition to their own; direct the individual to hand-sanitize again, and proceed to destination.

**If the temperature is ≥100.4°:** continue with the **Entry Screening Job Aid – Patient** and determine if provider requires that patient have immediate in-person care.