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FORM 4 -- NOTICE OF RULE MODIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY	Health				
RULE TYPE	Legislative	AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE	Yes	TITLE-SERIES	64-103
RULE NAME	Expedited Partner Therapy				

CITE AUTHORITY § 16-4F-5

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULES, FOLLOWING REVIEW BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE, IS HEREBY MODIFIED AS A RESULT OF REVIEW AND COMMENT BY THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE ATTACHED MODIFICATIONS ARE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

Melanie A Pagliaro -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.



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TITLE 64
LEGISLATIVE RULE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
BUREAU FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

SERIES 103
EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY

§64-103-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule series designates certain diseases as sexually transmitted diseases for the purposes of treatment by expedited partner therapy.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code § 16-4F-5.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

1.5 Sunset Provision: This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect upon the expiration of 5 years from its effective date.

1.6. Applicability. – This rule series applies to a health care professional who makes clinical diagnosis of a sexually transmitted disease and who desires to provide expedited partner therapy for the treatment of the sexually transmitted disease.

1.7. Purpose -- This rule series is intended to implement the provisions of W.Va. Code §§ 16-4F-1 et seq. by designating certain diseases as sexually transmitted diseases which may be treated by expedited partner therapy.

§64-103-2. Definitions.

2.1. “Expedited partner therapy” or “EPT” means prescribing, dispensing, furnishing or otherwise providing prescription antibiotic drugs by a health care professional to the sexual partner or partners of a person clinically diagnosed as infected with a sexually transmitted disease without physical examination of the partner or partners.

2.2. “Health care professional” means:

2.2.a. An allopathic physician licensed pursuant to W.Va. Code §§ 30-3-1 et seq.;

2.2.b. An osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to W.Va. Code §§ 30-14-1 et seq.;

2.2.c. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to W.Va. Code § 30-3E-4;

2.2.d. An advanced practice registered nurse authorized with prescriptive authority pursuant to W.Va. Code § 30-7-15a; or

2.2.e. A pharmacist licensed pursuant to *W.Va. Code §§ 30-5-1 et seq.*

§64-103-3. Designation of sexually transmitted diseases.

Sexually transmitted diseases that may be treated by a health care professional with expedited partner therapy include the following clinically diagnosed sexually transmitted infections:

3.1. Chlamydia trichomatis (chlamydia); and

3.2. Neisseria gonorrhoea (gonorrhoea).

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