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**FORM 6 -- NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED
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AGENCY	Health				
RULE TYPE	Legislative	AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE	No	TITLE-SERIES	64-103
RULE NAME	Expedited Partner Therapy				

CITE AUTHORITY 16-4f-5

HOUSE OR SENATE BILL NUMBER	SECTION	PASSED ON
SB 125	16-4F-5	04/04/2017

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE FOLLOWING DATE

Thursday, June 01, 2017

THIS RULE SHALL TERMINATE AND HAVE NO FURTHER FORCE OF EFFECT FROM THE FOLLOWING DATE

Wednesday, June 01, 2022

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.* -- May 22, 2017

1.4. *Effective Date.* -- June 1, 2017

1.5. *Sunset Provision.* -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect on June 1, 2022.

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).