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Sexual Health-Related Bills Passed During the 2015 Legislative Session

- **HB 978** HIV Testing - Informed Consent and Pretest Requirements – Modification
- **SB 599** Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea
- **HB 228/SB 337** Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy Program - Repeal of Termination Date
- **SB 626** Registered Nurses – Local Health Departments – Requirements for Personally Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices



HIV Testing - Informed Consent and Pretest Requirements – Modification

The major change is to the consenting process in specified clinical settings as defined by Maryland State law.

Consent:

- When HIV testing is offered, consent for HIV testing shall be included in the patient's general informed consent for medical care (as is done for other screening and diagnostic tests).
 - A health care provider may not** be required to obtain consent using a separate form. (**Indicates an absolute prohibition)
- Inform the individual either verbally or in writing that HIV testing will be performed unless the individual declines.
- If the individual refuses HIV testing, document the individual's decision in the medical record.



HIV Testing - Informed Consent and Pretest Requirements – Modification

- Effective Date: July 1, 2015
- Next Steps:
 - Providers are encouraged to begin documenting consent and providing patients with pretest information as laid out in the law.
 - DHMH will develop regulations regarding updates to the law.



Expedited Partner Therapy for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

- Bill authorizes Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) for certain health care providers in public and private health care settings in Maryland who diagnose chlamydia or gonorrhea in an individual patient to prescribe or dispense antibiotic therapy to that patient's sexual partner(s) without examination of the partner(s).
- Physicians, Advance Practice Registered Nurses with prescriptive authority, authorized Physician Assistants. Bill does not expand the scope of practice for any group.
- EPT is permissible, not mandatory.



Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

- Effective Date: June 1, 2015
- Next Steps:
 - DHMH Center for STI Prevention is conducting a “listening tour” to get input on implementation issues, provider education
 - Bd of Physicians, Bd of Pharmacy, Bd of Nursing
 - DHMH Programs, MD Medicaid
 - MD Insurance Administration
 - Local Health Officers/designees, (esp. Balt. City HD)
 - MedChi
 - MD chapters of ACOG, AAP
 - FQHCs - Primary Care Association
 - DHMH promulgates regulations



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EPT and Antibiotic Resistant Gonorrhea

- Despite concerns about abx-resistant gonorrhea (GC), the CDC encourages states implementing EPT to continue including oral gonorrhea treatment for now.
- Rationale: Important to continue reducing levels of community infection through direct medical care, the gold standard of care, or through patient-delivered partner therapy (EPT) for partners who are unwilling or unable to come in for a medical evaluation.
- 2015 CDC Recommendations for Tx for GC using EPT:

Cefixime 400 mg
PLUS
Azithromycin 1 gram



Baltimore City - Expedited Partner Therapy Program - Repeal of Termination Date

- Baltimore City introduced a bill repealing the expiration date of the Baltimore City Pilot EPT Program, thereby granting the program permanent status.
- Since the statewide EPT bill passed, the Governor vetoed the Baltimore City bill as duplicative.
- EPT is now permissible in all jurisdictions, for specified health care providers in both public and private health care settings.



Registered Nurses – Local Health Departments (Nurse Dispensing Bill)

- Bill codifies the MD Board of Physicians Declaratory Ruling that originally established the long-standing LHD Nurse Dispensing Program (NDP);
- LHD nurses are explicitly authorized to dispense Naloxone and **Expedited Partner Therapy** medications;
- The Department must establish a training program for specified RNs and must work with the Board of Nursing (BON) and the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to develop and annually review the training program.



Registered Nurses – Local Health Departments (Nurse Dispensing Bill)

Effective Date – June 1, 2015

Next Steps:

- Committee appointments underway for the Nurse Dispensing Program committee
- Meetings are being planned with the Behavioral Health Administration and the Overdose Response Program regarding aligning their two programs; and with the Center for STI Prevention regarding training on EPT.
- DHM will begin discussions with the Board of Nurses and the Board of Physicians regarding the training program soon after committee appointments are made.



Non-Chargeable List SFY2016

- Health Officers are currently in the process of reviewing the Non-Chargeable list for next year.
- They will provide input to the Secretary by mid-June.
- Any changes approved by the Secretary will be effective July 1, 2015 (start of SFY16).



Revisions to MD Confidential Morbidity Report From DHMH 1140

- Revisions currently underway to various sections: Demographic; HIV, STI; TB
- Fillable PDF
- Expected to be finalized this summer
- Will be available for downloading at same site where current form resides:

<http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/Pages/what-to-report.aspx>



Demographic Data/Pt Information

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA PATIENT INFORMATION	Patient's Name (Last) (First) (M.I.)			Date of Birth	Age	Sex at Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Patient's Address			City	State	Zip Code
	County of Residence	Home Telephone	Cellphone	Work Telephone		
	Race: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):					Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino
	Occupation or Contact with Vulnerable Persons <input type="checkbox"/> Not Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Daycare Child <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)					
Workplace, School, Child Care Facility Etc. (Include Name, Address, Zipcode)						

Sex at Birth Male Female

Current Gender Male Female

- M to F Transgender
- F to M Transgender
- Other



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HIV and AIDS

HIV and AIDS	HIV Lab Tests	Date	Result
	HIV Diagnostic (Specify)		
	CD4+ T-cells		
	HIV Viral Load		
	HIV Genotype (Resistance)		Name of Testing Lab



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Complete Risk Exposures for HIV/AIDS or STI

Risk Exposure (Select all that apply)

Complete for HIV/AIDS or STI

- Sex with Male
- Sex with Female
- Sex Partner has HIV or AIDS
- Sex Partner Injects Drugs
- Sex Partner is Male that has Sex with Males
- Injection Drug Use
- Perinatal Exposure of Newborn
- Other Exposure (specify)



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Adding Syphilis Symptoms

Syphilis Stage	Syphilis Symptoms
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesion
<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/> Palmar/Plantar Rash
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Latent (<1 yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Condylomata Lata
<input type="checkbox"/> Congenital	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurologic
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Stage (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)



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Adding Information about Expedited Partner Therapy

Did you provide treatment for any of this patient's partners? (Check all that apply)

Yes, I saw the sex partner(s) in my office Yes, I gave extra medication for ___ (#) partner(s) Yes, I wrote a prescription for ___ (#) partner(s)

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