

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to treatment of certain sexually transmitted diseases.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 191.648, to read as follows:

2 **191.648. 1. As used in this section, "expedited partner therapy" means the practice**  
3 **of treating the sex partners of persons with chlamydia or gonorrhea without an intervening**  
4 **medical evaluation or professional prevention counseling.**

4 **2. Any licensed physician may, but shall not be required, utilize expedited partner**  
5 **therapy for the management of the partners of persons with chlamydia or gonorrhea.**  
6 **Notwithstanding the requirements of 20 CSR 2150-5.0020(5) or any other law to the**  
7 **contrary, a licensed physician utilizing expedited partner therapy may prescribe and**  
8 **dispense medications for the treatment of chlamydia or gonorrhea for an individual who**  
9 **is the partner of a person with chlamydia or gonorrhea and who does not have an**  
10 **established physician/patient relationship with such physician. Any antibiotic medications**  
11 **prescribed and dispensed for the treatment of chlamydia or gonorrhea under this section**  
12 **shall be in pill form.**

13 **3. Expedited partner therapy may be utilized in any county health facility or health**  
14 **district if:**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15           **(1) The local case rate for chlamydia or gonorrhea exceeds one and a half times the**  
16 **latest available national case rate for such sexually transmitted diseases; or**

17           **(2) The local case rate for chlamydia or gonorrhea exceeds the latest available**  
18 **national case rate and the most recent local annual case totals for chlamydia or gonorrhea**  
19 **are at least twenty percent higher than the case totals for the previous year.**

20           **4. The department of health and senior services and the division of professional**  
21 **registration within the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional**  
22 **registration shall by rule develop guidelines for the implementation of subsection 2 of this**  
23 **section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo,**  
24 **that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if**  
25 **it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if**  
26 **applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable**  
27 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo,**  
28 **to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**  
29 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**  
30 **adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.**

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