

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 2: HEALTH

§ 21102. Expedited Partner Therapy as a Treatment Option.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health care provider who is licensed to diagnose and prescribe drugs for a sexually transmitted gonorrhea, chlamydia, or trichomoniasis infection, and who diagnoses a sexually transmitted gonorrhea, chlamydia, or trichomoniasis infection in an adult patient, may provide expedited partner therapy to said patient's sexual partner or partners, and shall not be subject to civil or professional liability, except for in cases of willful or wanton misconduct, provided that said partner(s) have no known antibiotic allergies, and that the medication/prescription includes clear instructions, and appropriate warnings. Health care providers providing expedited partner therapy shall also provide education to the patient on the treatment strategy, and shall still recommend that the patient's adult partner(s) see a health care provider in person for STD and HIV testing.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pharmacist may dispense antibiotic medication prescribed as expedited partner therapy treatment for a patient's adult sexual partner(s), and shall not be subject to civil or professional liability, except for in cases of willful or wanton misconduct, provided that the medication/prescription includes clear instructions, and appropriate warnings.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to mean that health care providers or pharmacists are mandated to use expedited partner therapy as the sole treatment method for chlamydia, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis.

Source: PL 20-69 § 2 (Oct. 5, 2018), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission re-numbered this section and its subsections pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a).