

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 779

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT: Provides relative to expedited partner therapy

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) and to enact  
3 R.S. 40:1121.6(F) and G, relative to expedited partner therapy; to provide for eligible  
4 medical conditions for expedited partner therapy; to provide for liability; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), (C)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended  
8 and R.S. 40:1121.6(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1121.6. Expedited partner therapy

10 A. The purpose of this Section is to allow for the provision of medications  
11 or prescriptions by any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or any  
12 advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed to practice nursing in this state,  
13 or any physician assistant, who is licensed to practice in this state, provided such  
14 physician or nurse or physician assistant has the authority to write prescriptions in  
15 this state, to individuals who may have been exposed to ~~gonorrhea or chlamydia.~~  
16 gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other sexually associated infection, as  
17 determined by the Louisiana Department of Health. Expedited partner therapy is  
18 hereby authorized absent a doctor-patient relationship and absent clinical assessment.



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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide for the sexually associated infections that may be treated with expedited partner therapy.

Present law provides that a healthcare professional may, when treating a person for gonorrhea or chlamydia, prescribe medication to treat the patient's sexual partners without examining the patient's sexual partners, known as expedited partner therapy.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that trichomoniasis and any other sexually associated infection determined by the LDH may be treated with expedited partner therapy.

Proposed law adds that a healthcare professional or pharmacist acting reasonably and in good faith shall not be criminally or civilly liable for harm arising out of expedited partner therapy.

Proposed law provides that LDH shall establish a list of sexually associated infections eligible for expedited partner therapy.

(Amends R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), and (C)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 40:1121.6(F) and (G))