

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to determine the sexually associated infections that may be treated with expedited partner therapy.

Existing 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.

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

New 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.

New law requires LDH to establish a list of sexually associated infections eligible for expedited partner therapy.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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