

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1491 authorizes healthcare providers to provide expedited partner therapy to a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection if the provider judges that the patient's sexual partner is unlikely or unable to present for examination, testing, and treatment. Expedited partner therapy is defined by the measure as prescribing, administering, or dispensing antimicrobial drugs to a sexual partner of a patient clinically diagnosed by a healthcare provider as infected with a sexually transmitted infection without a physical examination of such sexual partner. Expedited partner therapy shall not cover apply to any sexually transmitted infection that could be chronic or require multiple treatment courses. A provider providing expedited partner therapy shall provide counseling to the patient. The measure restricts such therapy to a partner who may have been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection within 60 days prior to the diagnosis in the patient. Healthcare providers shall not be subject to additional liability for providing such therapy. The measure directs the State Department of Health to distribute certain written materials containing health information. The measure authorizes the State Commissioner of Health, the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, and the State Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules as needed to implement the provisions of this measure.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 1491 adds language limiting expedited partner therapy to conditions that are not chronic or do not require multiple treatment courses.

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