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RULE TITLE: Expedited Partner Therapy for Sexually Transmitted Infection

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RULE SUMMARY: As allowed in ORS 676.350, the rule allows an Oregon Medical Board licensed physician or physician assistant, otherwise permitted by law to prescribe or dispense controlled substances, to practice expedited partner therapy for the treatment of sexually transmitted chlamydia and gonorrhea infections as provided in the rule. The Oregon Health Authority has determined that sexually transmitted chlamydia and gonorrhea infections are appropriately addressed with expedited partner therapy.

RULE TEXT:

The Oregon Medical Board recognizes that the adequate treatment of sexually transmitted infections is a public health issue. When identified in a patient, the adequate treatment and prevention of recurrence in the patient often depends upon treatment of the partner or partners of a patient, who may not be available or agreeable for clinical evaluation.

(1) As used in this rule:

(a) “Expedited partner therapy” has the meaning given in ORS 676.350, the practice of prescribing or dispensing antibiotic drugs for the treatment of a sexually transmitted infection to the partner of a patient without first examining the partner of the patient.

(b) “Partner of a patient” has the meaning given in ORS 676.350, a person whom a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection identifies as a sexual partner of the patient.

(2) A physician or physician assistant treating sexually transmitted infections, may engage in open discussions with a patient to ascertain the ability for a partner of a patient to access medical services.

(3) A licensee, otherwise permitted by law to prescribe or dispense controlled substances, may practice expedited partner therapy for the treatment of sexually transmitted chlamydia and gonorrhea infections.

(4) A licensee may initiate expedited partner therapy when the licensee reasonably believes that a partner of a patient will be unwilling or unable to seek treatment within the context of a traditional provider-patient relationship.

(5) When initiating expedited partner therapy, a licensee must:

(a) Instruct the patient regarding expedited partner therapy and the medications involved.

(b) Ensure appropriate information and advice are made available to the partner of a patient, including educational

materials for the patient to share with their partner(s) encouraging the partner to consult a health care provider and disclosing potential adverse drug reactions and dangerous interactions between medications.
(c) Make reasonable efforts to refer the partner of a patient to appropriate health care professionals.
(6) Except as provided in this rule, a licensee may not write prescriptions unless they have conducted an adequate encounter with the patient, and documented this encounter in the medical record.
(7) The partner of a patient is considered to be an individual entitled to receive the prescription drug, and nothing in this rule is intended to establish a professional relationship between the physician or physician assistant and the partner of a patient.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 677.265, ORS 676.350

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 676.350