



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5450**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY FOR  
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 20-14e of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4       (a) A drug dispensed by a prescribing practitioner shall be  
5 personally dispensed by the prescribing practitioner and the  
6 dispensing of such drug shall not be delegated except that, in  
7 emergency departments of acute care hospitals licensed under chapter  
8 368v, the tasks related to dispensing such drug may be carried out by a  
9 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 under the supervision of the  
10 prescribing practitioner.

11       (b) A patient's medical record shall include a complete record of any  
12 drug dispensed by the prescribing practitioner.

13       (c) A prescribing practitioner dispensing a drug shall package the  
14 drug in containers approved by the federal Consumer Product Safety  
15 Commission, unless requested otherwise by the patient, and shall label  
16 the container with the following information: (1) The full name of the  
17 patient; (2) the prescribing practitioner's full name and address; (3) the  
18 date of dispensing; (4) instructions for use; and (5) any cautionary

19 statements as may be required by law.

20 (d) Professional samples dispensed by a prescribing practitioner  
21 shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

22 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or chapter 400j, a  
23 prescribing practitioner who diagnoses a sexually transmitted  
24 chlamydia or gonorrhea infection in a patient may prescribe and  
25 dispense oral antibiotic drugs to such patient and the patient's sexual  
26 partner or partners without a physical examination of the sexual  
27 partner or partners. A prescribing practitioner who prescribes or  
28 dispenses oral antibiotic drugs to the sexual partner or partners of a  
29 patient diagnosed with an infection of chlamydia or gonorrhea, in  
30 accordance with the provisions of this subsection, shall not be deemed  
31 to have violated the prescribing practitioner's standard of care for such  
32 prescribing or dispensing. The Commissioner of Public Health, in  
33 consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, may  
34 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
35 provisions of this subsection.

36 [(e)] (f) A prescribing physician or surgeon may dispense and sell  
37 contact lenses that contain a drug, as defined in section 20-571, and  
38 such physician or surgeon shall be exempt from the requirements of  
39 subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact lenses.  
40 As used in this subsection, "physician" means a person holding a  
41 license issued pursuant to this chapter, except a homeopathic  
42 physician.

43 [(f)] (g) A licensed optometrist, authorized to practice advanced  
44 optometric care pursuant to section 20-127, who dispenses contact  
45 lenses that contain ocular agents-T, as defined in subdivision (5) of  
46 subsection (a) of section 20-127, shall be exempt from the requirements  
47 of subsection (c) of this section when dispensing or selling contact  
48 lenses.

49 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-216 of the general statutes is

50 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
51 *October 1, 2010*):

52 (a) Any municipal health department, state institution or facility,  
53 licensed physician or public or private hospital or clinic, may [examine  
54 and] provide treatment for venereal disease for a minor, if the  
55 physician or facility is qualified to provide such [examination and]  
56 treatment. The consent of the parents or guardian of the minor shall  
57 not be a prerequisite to the [examination and] treatment. The physician  
58 in charge or other appropriate authority of the facility or the licensed  
59 physician concerned shall prescribe an appropriate course of treatment  
60 for the minor. The fact of consultation, examination [and] or treatment  
61 of a minor under the provisions of this section shall be confidential and  
62 shall not be divulged by the facility or physician, including the sending  
63 of a bill for the services to any person other than the minor, except for  
64 purposes of reports under section 19a-215, and except that, if the minor  
65 is not more than twelve years of age, the facility or physician shall  
66 report the name, age and address of that minor to the Commissioner of  
67 Children and Families or [his] the commissioner's designee who shall  
68 proceed thereon as in reports under section 17a-101g.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	20-14e
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	19a-216(a)

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*