

**§1241. Definitions**

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2009, c. 533, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

[PL 2009, c. 533, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Expedited partner therapy.** "Expedited partner therapy" means prescribing, dispensing, furnishing or otherwise providing prescription antibiotic drugs to the sexual partner or partners of a person clinically diagnosed as infected with a sexually transmitted disease without physical examination of the partner or partners.

[PL 2009, c. 533, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Health care professional.** "Health care professional" means an allopathic physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 48, an osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or 48, an advanced practice registered nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the provision of sexually transmitted disease therapy or expedited partner therapy or an advanced practice registered nurse who possesses appropriate clinical privileges in accordance with Title 32, chapter 31.

[PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §5 (AMD).]

**4. Sexually transmitted disease.** "Sexually transmitted disease" means a bacterial, viral, fungal or parasitic disease determined by rule of the department to be sexually transmitted, to be a threat to the public health and welfare and to be a disease for which a legitimate public interest will be served by providing for its regulation and treatment.

[PL 2009, c. 533, §1 (NEW).]

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