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§18–214.1. IN EFFECT

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- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Health of the Baltimore City Health Department.
- (3) “Program” means the Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program.
- (b) There is an Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department.
- (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide antibiotic therapy to the partner of a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection identified in subsection (d) of this section in order to contain the infection and stop the further spread of it.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a public health clinic established by the Commissioner in Baltimore City, the following health care providers may dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to any sexual partner of a patient diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea without making a personal physical assessment of the patient’s partner:
- (1) A physician licensed under Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article;
- (2) A certified nurse practitioner in accordance with § 8–508 of the Health Occupations Article; and
- (3) An authorized physician assistant in accordance with § 15–302.2 of the Health Occupations Article.
- (e) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this section.
- (f) On or before December 31, 2007, and each year thereafter, the Baltimore City Health Department shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on the operation and performance of the Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program.

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