



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I have worked in reproductive health care centers in Missouri since 2007. During that time I've seen the benefits of expedited partner therapy in lowering incidences of gonorrhea and chlamydia in the populations we serve. Those benefits would be seen if EPT is expanded to include trichomoniasis too. Typically I see patients with vaginas come in to the health center complaining of symptoms when trich is diagnosed. Unfortunately, their partners with penises usually do not have symptoms and will deny need for testing and refuse to come in for an evaluation and treatment. This leads to one partner undergoing treatment, resuming sexual activity with untreated partner and then returning to health center when symptoms reappear. Without treatment of all partners, trichomoniasis will continue to be spread. The treatment for trichomoniasis for a partner with a penis is four tablets of an antibiotic taken one time. Currently there are patients who take pills away from their treatment to share with a partner who refuses evaluation. This leads to trichomoniasis infection in the patient that does not completely resolve. Long term infection with trich can lead to infertility and increases patient's susceptibility to other STIs including herpes and HPV (which can lead to cervical, anal and throat cancers). From a health care provider's standpoint there is no downside to allowing EPT for trichomoniasis. More partners will be able to receive treatment which will decrease the number trich infections and improve reproductive health outcomes for Missourians. I urge you all to pass this bill.



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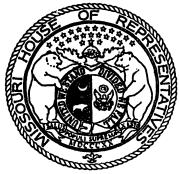
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Although MO has long approved expedited partner therapy, the provision has been limited to Gonorrhea and Chlamydia. HB1879 would extend EPT to cover treatment of trichomoniasis.



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Expedited partner therapy, or EPT, is the clinical practice of treating the partners of patients diagnosed with an STI by providing prescriptions or medications to the patient and their partner when the partner themselves is unable to receive care due to barriers such as lack of access to care, fear of stigma, and financial or logistical hurdles to getting appointments. Currently, Missouri law allows EPT to be used for chlamydia or gonorrhea by a licensed physician. This bill adds trichomoniasis to the statute as an STI designated as appropriate for EPT in line with CDC Guidelines suggesting that EPT may be effective for partner management of trichomoniasis. EPT can be especially helpful for those in rural areas where folks experience additional barriers to care. Also, many rural health providers are in smaller clinics or hospitals where the primary provider a lot of individuals see is a Physician Assistant (PA) or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). By allowing them to also prescribe for the patient's partner, instead of just the patient, it removes the additional step of the patient's partner needing to seek out a separate prescription. We ask that the committee please support HB 1879. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I support this because it is a public health issue.



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I am a Certified Nurse Midwife. I provide sexual and reproductive care for both men and women. EPT for trichomonas will be very helpful in decreasing the transmission of this STI. It will also reduce the financial burden of incurring an office fee as well as missing time from work. Similar to Chlamydia, trichomonas is often asymptomatic and undertreated.



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The American College of OBGyns- MO section would like to go on record in support.



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I am writing today to ask you to support HB1918/HB2626. I am an employee at the Center for Hearing & Speech and I have seen first hand how access to communication is vital for the overall health of individuals. I have witnessed patients being isolated, depressed and suicidal because they cannot afford proper amplification. By supporting HB1918/HB2626 not only will you change peoples lives, but it will also help our economy in the long run.



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