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Dear Provider:

In partnership with the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) would like to inform providers that beginning January 2023, Michigan law (MCL 333.17754a) requires prescribers to transmit controlled and noncontrolled substance prescriptions electronically unless otherwise exempt under the statute. E-Prescribing is the ability of a prescriber to electronically send an accurate, error-free, and understandable prescription directly to a pharmacy from the point of care, and it is a crucial component in enhancing patient care quality. The electronic prescribing standard is being implemented in accordance with the schedule established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Under MCL 333.17754a, there are several exemptions to the law including provisions for Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) (see below).

(k) If the prescription is issued under circumstances in which the prescriber is not required to include on the prescription a name of a patient for whom the prescription is issued, including but not limited to, a prescription issued under section 5110.

Expedited Partner Therapy is a strategy that facilitates the treatment of sexual partners of patients diagnosed with uncomplicated *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT), *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) or *Trichomoniasis vaginalis* (TV). Typically, EPT is designated for a partner(s) that does not have an established relationship with the prescribing provider, thus electronic scripting may not be an option. Nonetheless, EPT should still be utilized for partner treatment (Michigan's EPT Guidance for Health Care Providers).

Attached is a sample EPT order script. This is to serve as a guide for prescribers when utilizing EPT. MDHHS and MPA are asking providers to continue to dispense written EPT prescriptions for named and unnamed partners exposed to Gonorrhea, Chlamydia and/or Trichomoniasis.

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For questions regarding EPT, please contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Partner Health Improvement Coordinator, Bianca Clarke at clarkeb3@michigan.gov or 517-582-4353. If you have questions regarding 2023 CMS e-prescribing policy changes in Michigan, please contact Farah Jalloul at 517-377-0224.

Sincerely,



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