WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-4F-1

§16-4F-1. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Health.

(2) "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.

(3) "Health care professional" means:

(A) An allopathic physician licensed pursuant to article three, chapter thirty of this code;

(B) An osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to article fourteen, chapter thirty of this code;

(C) A physician assistant licensed pursuant to §30-3E-4 of this code;

(D) An advanced practice registered nurse authorized with prescriptive authority pursuant to §03-7-15a of this code; or

(E) A pharmacist licensed pursuant to article five, chapter thirty of this code.

(4) "Sexually transmitted disease" means a disease that may be treated by expedited partner therapy as determined by rule of the department.

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