



## Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives Treating Patients and their Partner or Partners for Sexually Transmitted Diseases

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### Legislation enacted during the 2005-2006 Session

Effective January 1, 2007, Assemble Bill 2280 (Leno) signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger an act that amends Section 120582 of the Health and Safety Code:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a physician and surgeon who diagnoses a sexually transmitted chlamydia, gonorrhea, or other sexually transmitted infection, as determined by the Department of Health Services, in an individual patient may prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners without examination of that patient's partner or partners. The department may adopt regulations to implement this section.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nurse practitioner practicing pursuant to Section 2836.1 of the Business and Professions Code, a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51 of the Business and Professions Code, and a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1 of the Business and Professions Code may dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide a prescription antibiotic drug to the sexual partner or partners of a patient with a diagnosed sexually transmitted chlamydia, gonorrhea, or other sexually transmitted infection, as determined by the Department of Health Services, without examination of the patient's sexual partners.