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19 CSR 20-26.010 Prevention of Blindness

PURPOSE: This rule prevents the newborn infant from contracting gonococcal ophthalmia neonatorum or chlamydial ophthalmia neonatorum, or both, during birth from an infected mother.

(1) It shall be the duty of every physician or other person in attendance upon a newborn infant or its mother to instill five-tenths percent (0.5%) erythromycin ophthalmic ointment or drops in single-use tubes or ampules; or tetracycline one percent (1%) ophthalmic ointment or drops in single-use tubes or ampules; or one percent (1%) silver nitrate solution into each eye of the newborn infant immediately after birth and to report this on the birth certificate.

(2) To be authorized by the department to do HIV sampling, a person shall be a health care professional or able to provide accurate and current information about HIV serologic testing along with pretest and posttest consultation in accordance with this rule and shall provide or make provisions for pretest and posttest consultation in person to the person tested or his/her legal guardian or custodian. If after investigation by a department employee, the person responsible for sampling is determined not to be observing the provisions of this rule, the department shall deny authorization.

(A) Pretest consultation shall occur before sampling and include a risk assessment of the person to be tested to determine the person’s potential for exposure and infection. The person to be tested shall be advised of the etiology and methods of transmission of HIV, the testing methodology, the meaning of the test results and the type of behavior necessary to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus.

(B) Posttest consultation shall also be provided to all persons tested for HIV antibodies. It shall include the test results and their significance, information on good preventive and risk reduction practices and referral of the person for medical care and other support services as needed. If the test results are negative, the person tested shall be advised of the window period and possible need for retesting. If the test results are equivocal, the person shall also be advised of the possible need for retesting.

(C) If the test results are positive, the identity of the person tested along with related clinical and identifying information shall be reported to the department or its designated representative by the person who performs or conducts HIV sampling within seven (7) days of receipt of the test results on forms provided by the Department of Health (see Form #1), but shall be exempt from reporting the patient’s name and street address—instead a unique patient identifier shall be used:

1. Persons tested at department-designated anonymous testing sites;

2. Persons tested as part of a research project at those sites participating in a research project approved by an institutional review board with notification of the board’s approval submitted to the department in writing; or

3. Where prohibited by federal law or regulation;

(E) Laboratories which perform testing shall report identifying information as specified in 19 CSR 20-20.080; and

(F) All persons reported with HIV infection to the department or its designated representative shall be treated as referrals for public health partner elicitation/notification services according to protocols and procedures established by the department.


### Missouri Department of Health

**Physician's Confidential Report of HIV Infection**

#### Patient Information

1. **Patient ID Number (From Lab)***
2. **Patient Name (Last, First, MI)***
3. **Address ( Apt., St., P.O. Box No.)***
4. **City, State, Zip Code***
5. **Date of Birth***
6. **Sex***
7. **Race***
8. **Vital Status***
9. **Country of Birth***
10. **Other (Specify)***

#### Patient History

11. **Date of Diagnosis***
12. **Age at Diagnosis***
13. **Sex at Diagnosis***
14. **Race at Diagnosis***
15. **Other (Specify)***
16. **Blood Transfusion***
17. **Worked in Health Care Setting***
18. **Sex in Exchange for Money or Drugs***
19. **Heterosexual Relations With***
20. **Hepatitis B***
21. **Other***

#### Clinical Status

1. **History of AIDS***
2. **Is Patient Currently Pregnant?***
3. **Is Patient Receiving Prophylaxis or Treatment for HIV/AIDS?***
4. **Has Patient Been Diagnosed With Pulmonary TB?***

#### Laboratory Data

1. **Date of Previous Test***
2. **Previous HIV Positive Test***
3. **Date of Previous Test***
4. **Reactive***
5. **Non-Reactive***
6. **Included***
7. **Not Done***

#### Submitter Information

1. **Name, Address, Telephone***
2. **Physician Name, Address, Telephone***

#### Immunologic Lab Tests (If Available)

1. **Initial T Helper (CD4+): Lymphocyte Count***
2. **Absolute Number***
3. **Percent***

#### Health Department Use Only

1. **Type of Agency***
2. **Person Completing HIV Report***
3. **Date***

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19 CSR 20-26.040 Physician Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Antibody Test Consultation and Reporting

PURPOSE: This rule establishes guidelines specific to physicians and other health care professionals working under physician orders for human immunodeficiency virus blood sampling and pretest and posttest consultation and for the reporting of persons diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus infection.

(1) The following definitions shall be used in administering this rule:

(A) Conduct means to direct, lead, order or undertake to perform or to provide guidance as a licensed physician to a patient; (B) Confirmed human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection means the clinical diagnosis and conclusion that a patient is infected with HIV, made in the professional judgment of the physician based upon clinical history, physician examination, diagnostic or laboratory serological testing or other available clinical information which allows the physician to make clinical and therapeutic decisions based upon this infected status;

(E) Physicians delegated representative means a licensed professional involved in direct patient care, other than those persons licensed as physicians under Chapter 334, RSMo; and

(F) Serological test means—

1. A serum specimen repeatedly reactive for HIV antibody by a licensed screening test (for example, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)) that has been verified by a more specific subsequent test (such as Western Blot or immunofluorescence assay (IFA));

2. A positive lymphocyte culture verified by a specific HIV antigen test or by in situ hybridization using a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) probe;

3. A positive result on any other highly specific test for HIV; or

4. A T-Helper (CD4) lymphocyte count performed as a part of the clinical management of a person who in the professional judgment of the physician is infected with HIV.

(2) The physician or the physicians delegated representative shall provide consultation with the patient or his/her legal guardian or custodian prior to conducting HIV blood sampling, and to the patient, guardian or custodian during the reporting of the test results or diagnosis.

(A) The physician or the physicians delegated representative shall only be allowed to provide consultation through the use of protocols and standing orders which shall be written, signed and dated by the physician prior to their implementation or, in the case of a hospital, the policies and procedures as approved by the medical staff.

(B) The scope of the consultation shall be governed by the physicians professional judgment based on the clinical situation, including the purpose of and need for HIV testing, and shall be at least as comprehensive as the type of consultation provided for other diagnostic tests or procedures.

(3) The physician shall report to the department or its designated representative the identity of any person with confirmed HIV infection along with related clinical and identifying information within seven (7) days of receipt of the test results on forms provided by the department (see Form #1 following 19 CSR 20-26.030).

(4) Physicians testing persons under the following situations shall be exempt from reporting the identity of the person testing positive for HIV. In these situations, physicians shall report HIV positive test results as well as other related clinical and identifying information within seven (7) days of receipt of the test results on forms provided by the department (see Form #1 following 19 CSR 20-26.030), but shall be exempt from reporting the patients name and street address instead a unique patient identifier shall be used.

(A) Persons tested solely as part of a research project at those sites participating in a research project approved by an institutional review board with notification of that board's approval submitted to the department in writing; or

(B) Where prohibited by federal law or regulations.

(5) All persons reported with HIV infection to the department or its designated representative shall be treated as referrals for public health partner elicitation/notification services according to protocols and procedures established by the department.

19 CSR 20-26.050 Preventing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) from Health Care Workers to Patients

PURPOSE: This rule establishes training requirements related to the prevention of transmission of human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis B virus and other bloodborne pathogens from infected health care workers to patients as defined in section 191.694, RSMo.

Editors Note: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of this rule in its entirety would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. The entire text of the material referenced has been filed with the secretary of state. This material may be found at the Office of the Secretary of State or at the headquarters of the agency and is available to any interested person at a cost established by state law.

(1) The following definitions shall be used in the interpretation of this rule:

(A) Community-based means practice in any clinic, group practice or solo practice not licensed under Chapters 197 and 198, RSMo where health care, including dentistry and podiatry, is provided;

(B) Department means the Missouri Department of Health;

(C) Director means the director of the department or his/her designee;

(D) Employed means to be professionally affiliated with a facility either by contract, direct employment or extension of professional privileges;

(E) HBV means hepatitis B virus;

(F) Health care facilities means those facilities licensed under Chapters 197 and 198, RSMo;

(G) Health care professional means a member of any of the professional groups regulated by Chapters 330, 332 and 335, RSMo, and sections 334.010—334.265,
19 CSR 20-26.060 Voluntary Evaluation for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)- and Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)-Infected Health Care Professionals Who Perform Invasive Procedures

PURPOSE: This rule establishes procedures for the voluntary evaluation of human immunodeficiency virus- and hepatitis B virus-infected health care professionals who perform invasive procedures in order to determine whether practice restrictions or limitations should be applied, as defined in section 191.700, RSMo.

(1) The definitions in 19 CSR 20-26.050 shall be used in the interpretation of this rule.

(2) Any health care professional who performs invasive procedures is advised to know his/her human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) antibody status and hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) status. If HBsAg is present, the presence or absence of hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg) shall be determined. If a significant occupational exposure occurs which could place the health care professional at risk of acquiring HIV or hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection, appropriate post-exposure evaluation should be undertaken.

(3) HIV- or HBV-infected health care professionals who perform invasive procedures may be voluntarily evaluated by an expert review panel appointed by the department according to section 191.700, RSMo. This panel shall follow subsections (3)(A)–(P) of this rule.

(A) Health care professionals infected with HIV or HBV who perform invasive procedures and who choose to be evaluated by an expert review panel appointed by the department according to section 191.700, RSMo shall apply for the evaluation in writing to the director. Directors of health care facilities (chief administrative officers or equivalents) allowed by 191.700.2(2)(A) to seek evaluation of infected health care professionals who perform invasive procedures shall, with the consent of the infected health care professional and after consultation with the professional’s private physician, apply in writing to the director of the Department of Health.

(B) Upon receipt of a written request for evaluation, the director shall appoint an expert review panel by utilizing the following criteria:

1. The panel shall include those individuals specified by 191.700.2(2)(a)–(d), RSMo and may include additional individuals if the director determines this is necessary; and
2. The director shall seek input from appropriate professional organizations in making his/her appointments.

(C) The subject of the evaluation shall provide the director with a list of all health care facilities and community-based practices, regardless of location, where the subject performs invasive procedures.

(D) The expert review panel shall utilize the following to evaluate the health care professional’s practice:

1. Criteria specified in 191.700.2(3), RSMo;
2. Verification of the health care professional’s licensure status;
3. Current, scientific evidence that is available; and
4. Panel members’ professional judgments.

(E) Panel members shall be subject to the requirements of section 191.656, RSMo regarding the confidentiality of information on an HIV-infected health care professional’s infection status.

(F) The health care professional shall be allowed to appear before the panel and present any information which s/he believes to be pertinent to the panels task. The health care professionals personal physician(s) and any other individual(s) the health care professional believes can provide pertinent input into the process shall be allowed to appear before the panel.

(G) The panel may recommend that restrictions or limitations be placed on the practice of the health care professional.

(H) The panel shall require the health care professional to notify any affected patient in a timely manner whenever a parenteral or mucous membrane exposure to the health care professional’s blood occurs.

(I) The panel’s findings and recommendations shall be conveyed in writing to the health care professional and to the director.

(J) The director shall disclose to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in each health care facility or community-based practice where the health care professional is performing invasive procedures any restrictions or limitations placed on his/her practice by the panel.

(K) If the health care professional seeks to affiliate with an additional health care facility or community-based practice where the health care professional is performing invasive procedures any restrictions or limitations placed on his/her practice by the panel, prior to the affiliation and the
provision of patient care. S/he shall also advise the department of the new practice location.

(L) If the health care professional plans to begin performing invasive procedures at a health care facility or community-based practice where s/he is currently affiliated but not presently performing those procedures, s/he shall disclose to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in that facility or practice the findings of the review panel, and any restrictions or limitations placed on his/her practice by the panel, prior to the performance of any invasive procedures, and report his/her intention to begin performing invasive procedures in writing to the director prior to beginning to perform these procedures.

(M) If the review panel places restrictions or limitations on the health care professional's practice, it shall be the responsibility of each health care facility where s/he is employed and performing invasive procedures to monitor him/her for compliance at appropriate intervals, at least annually, based on his/her medical status and the types and frequencies of invasive procedures s/he performs. If a facility finds the health care professional to be noncompliant, it shall report this in writing to the appropriate state board, as provided under Chapters 330, 332, 334 or 335, RSMo, and to the director.

(N) If the review panel places restrictions or limitations on the practice of a health care professional who performs invasive procedures in a community-based setting, it shall be the responsibility of the department to monitor him/her for compliance in this setting at appropriate intervals, at least annually, based on his/her medical status and the types and frequencies of invasive procedures s/he performs. If the department finds the health care professional to be noncompliant, it shall report this in writing to the appropriate state board, as provided under Chapters 330, 332, 334 or 335, RSMo, and to the director.

(O) If the director becomes aware that the infected health care professional is noncompliant with practice restrictions or limitations at any location where s/he is performing invasive procedures, the director shall report this noncompliance to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in each health care facility and community-based practice where the health care professional performs invasive procedures.

(P) The panel shall require, as necessary, that the infected health care professional undergo periodic reviews to determine if the decision to place or not to place restrictions or limitations on his/her practice needs to be modified because of changes in his/her medical condition or some other relevant circumstance. If a review results in the panel making such a modification, this modification shall be conveyed in writing to the health care professional and the director. If the modification results in restrictions or limitations, or further restrictions or limitations, being placed on the health care professional, the director shall disclose this modification to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in each health care facility or community-based practice where the health care professional is performing invasive procedures.

(Q) If restrictions or limitations have been placed on a health care professional's practice by the panel and if later there is a change in the individual's medical condition or some other relevant circumstance, and as a result s/he believes that the restrictions or limitations should be modified, s/he may request in writing to the director that the panel consider such a modification. A similar written request may also be made by the director or chief administrative officer of a health care facility with the consent of the infected health care professional and after consultation with his/her private physician. The panel shall review the information and determine whether modification is necessary. If a modification is made, this shall be conveyed in writing to the health care professional and the director. If the modification results in further restrictions or limitations being placed on the health care professional, the director shall disclose this modification to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in each health care facility or community-based practice where the health care professional is performing invasive procedures.

4. Establish, utilizing the criteria specified in subsection (3)(D) of this rule, whether restrictions or limitations shall be placed on the practice of the health care professional. If the panel is uncertain about whether a specific procedure may pose some risk of HIV or HBV transmission, it may recommend that this procedure be performed only after the patient has been informed of the health care professional's infection status;

5. Require the health care professional to notify any affected patient in a timely manner whenever a parenteral or mucous membrane exposure to the health care professional's blood occurs;

6. Report its findings and recommendations in writing to the health care professional;

7. Report its findings and recommendations in writing to the director including how the evaluation process was conducted. The department shall review the report to determine concurrence with 191.700.2(5)(d), RSMo and this rule. Results of the department's review shall be reported back to the facility. In the event the health care professional later seeks an evaluation by a department-appointed panel, the findings and recommendations of the facility's peer review panel shall be included as part of this evaluation; and

8. Require, as necessary, that the infected health care professional undergo periodic reviews to determine if the decision to place or not to place restrictions or limitations on his/her practice needs to be modified because of changes in his/her medical condition or
some other relevant circumstance. If a review results in the panel making such a modification, this modification shall be conveyed in writing to the health care professional and the director; and

(B) When a facility’s internal peer review panel conducts a review in concurrence with 191.700.2(5)(d), RSMo and this rule, the following shall be performed:

1. The infected health care professional shall provide a list to the director of all other health care facilities and community-based practices, regardless of location, where s/he performs invasive procedures. The director shall disclose to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in each of these other facilities and practices any restrictions or limitations placed on the health care professional’s practice by the panel;

2. If the health care professional seeks to affiliate with an additional health care facility or community-based practice, regardless of its location, where s/he will be performing invasive procedures, s/he shall disclose to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in that facility or practice the findings of the peer review panel, and any restrictions or limitations placed on his/her practice by the panel, prior to the affiliation and the provision of patient care, and notify the department of the new practice location;

3. If the health care professional plans to begin performing invasive procedures at a health care facility or community-based practice where s/he is currently performing invasive procedures, s/he shall disclose to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in that facility or practice the findings of the peer review panel, and any restrictions or limitations placed on his/her practice by the panel, prior to the performance of any invasive procedures, and report the change in practice to the department;

4. It shall be the responsibility of each health care facility where the health care professional is employed and performing invasive procedures to maintain liaison for compliance with the practice restrictions or limitations at appropriate intervals, at least annually, based on his/her medical status and the types and frequencies of invasive procedures s/he performs. If a facility finds the health care professional to be noncompliant, it shall report this in writing to the appropriate state board, as provided under Chapters 330, 332, 334 or 335, RSMo, and to the director;

5. If the director becomes aware that the infected health care professional is noncompliant with practice restrictions or limitations at any location where s/he is performing invasive procedures, the director shall disclose this noncompliance to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in any other health care facilities or community-based practice where the health care professional performs invasive procedures;

7. If the peer review panel, as a result of a periodic review of the infected health care professional’s status, makes a modification in its recommendations that results in restrictions or limitations, or further restrictions or limitations, being placed on the health care professional, the director shall disclose this modification to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in any other health care facilities or community-based practices where the health care professional is performing invasive procedures; and

8. If restrictions or limitations have been placed on a health care professional’s practice by the peer review panel and if later there is a change in the health care professional’s medical condition or some other relevant circumstance, and as a result s/he believes that the restrictions or limitations should be modified, s/he may request that the panel consider the modification. The panel shall review the pertinent evidence and determine whether such modification shall be made. If a modification is made, this shall be conveyed in writing to the health care professional and the director. If the modification results in further restrictions or limitations being placed on the health care professional, the director shall disclose the modification to the chief administrative officer or equivalent individual in any other health care facilities or community-based practices where the health care professional is performing invasive procedures.

5. This rule expires on June 30, 2002.

