

## **Program Element #10: - Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Client Services**

1. **Description.** Resources provided under this Agreement for this Program Element may only be used, in accordance with and subject to the requirements and limitations set forth below, to deliver Sexually Transmitted Disease related client services to protect the health of Oregonians from infectious disease and to prevent the long-term adverse consequences of failing to identify and treat STDs. Services may include, but are not limited to, case finding and disease surveillance, partner services, medical supplies, health care provider services, examination rooms, clinical and laboratory diagnostic services, treatment, prevention, intervention, education activities, and medical follow-up.
2. **Report Process:**
  - a. Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) shall review laboratory and health care provider case reports by the end of the calendar week in which initial laboratory or physician report is made. All confirmed and presumptive cases shall be reported to the Public Health Division HIV/ STD/TB (HST) Program by recording the case in the Oregon Public Health Epi User System (Orpheus), the State's online integrated disease reporting system. If LPHA is unable to record case directly into Orpheus, they may fax a completed case report form to HST.

Paper case report forms for some STDs can be found online at: (<https://bitly.com/CaseReport>). LPHA may choose to fax their own case report form provided it includes the minimum information required to be collected by the case entry layout in Orpheus.
  - b. **Reportable STDs:** A reportable STD is the diagnosis of an individual infected with any of the following infections or syndromes: Chancroid, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, acute Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, and Syphilis, as further described in Division 18 of OAR Chapter 333, and HIV, as further described in ORS 433.045.
3. **Type of Resources.** OHA may provide, pursuant to this Agreement, any or all of the types of resources described below to assist LPHA in delivering Sexually Transmitted Disease client services. The resources may include:
  - a. **In-Kind Resources:** Tangible goods or supplies having a monetary value that is determined by OHA. Examples of such in-kind resources include goods such as condoms, lubricant packages, pamphlets, and antibiotics for treating STDs. If the LPHA receives in-kind resources under this agreement in the form of medications for treating STDs, the LPHA shall use those medications to treat individuals for STDs in accordance with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Pharmacy Affairs regulations regarding "340-B Drug Pricing Program." In the event of a non-STD related emergency, with notification to the STD program, the LPHA may use these medications to address the emergent situation.
  - b. **Technical Assistance Resources:** Those services of a OHA Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS), that OHA makes available to LPHA to support the LPHA's delivery of STD client services which include advice, training, problem solving and consultation in

applying standards, protocols, investigative and/or treatment guidelines to STD case work and partner services follow-up.

The local health authority determines priorities and activities of its STD case work. DIS assignments are not for routine staffing or casework and DIS are not available for conducting field work that LPHA has determined is not allowable for LPHA staff.

Services of a DIS may include onsite provision of shadowing and demonstration opportunities as a learning tool for STD case work and/or partner services follow-up, as well as field assistance. Field assistance may be requested after one or more of the following criteria has been met: 1) Three documented attempts have been made to gather further information from a provider related to demographics, risk, screening and/or treatment, 2) Three documented attempts have been made to locate client that meets the criteria of a priority case and 3) Case is unusual, challenging, or potentially risky and collaborative work on the case is needed. This also includes instances where there may be a suspected or confirmed STD outbreak.

- c. **Definition of STD Outbreak:** The occurrence of an increase in cases of previously targeted priority disease type in excess of what would normally be expected in a defined community, geographical area or season, and, by mutual agreement of the individual LPHA and OHA, exceeds the expected routine capacity of the local health authority to address.

4. **Procedural and Operational Requirements.** All STD related client services supported in whole or in part with resources provided to LPHA under this Agreement must be delivered in accordance with the following procedural and operational requirements:

- a. LPHA acknowledges and agrees that the LPHA bears the primary responsibility, as described in Divisions 17, 18, and 19, of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 333, for identifying potential outbreaks of STDs within LPHA's service area, for preventing the incidence of STDs within LPHA's service area, and for reporting in a timely manner (as in 2.a.) the incidence of reportable STDs within LPHA's service area.
- b. LPHA must provide or refer client for STD services in response to an individual seeking such services from LPHA. STD client services consist of screening individuals for reportable STDs and treating individuals infected with reportable STDs and their sexual partners for the disease.
- c. As required by applicable law, LPHA must provide STD client services including case finding, treatment (not applicable for HIV) and prevention activities, to the extent that local resources permit, related to HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia in accordance with:
  - i. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), Chapter 333, Divisions 17, 18, and 19;
  - ii. "OHA Investigative Guidelines for Notifiable Diseases" which can be found at: <http://bit.ly/OR-IG>; and,
  - iii. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 433.045.

- d. If LPHA receives in-kind resources under this Agreement in the form of medications for treating STDs, LPHA may use those medications to treat individuals infected with, or suspected of having reportable STDs or to treat the sex partners of individuals infected with reportable STDs, subject to the following requirements:
  - i. The medications must be provided at no cost to the individuals receiving treatment.
  - ii. LPHA must perform a monthly medication inventory and maintain a medication log of all medications supplied to LPHA under this Agreement. Specifically, LPHA must log-in and log-out each dose dispensed.
  - iii. LPHA must log and document appropriate disposal of medications supplied to LPHA under this Agreement which have expired and thereby, prevent their use.
  - iv. LPHA shall only use “340-B medications” to treat individuals for STDs in accordance with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Pharmacy Affairs regulations regarding “340-B Drug Pricing Program”.
- e. If LPHA receives in-kind resources under this Agreement in the form of condoms, and lubricants, LPHA may distribute those supplies at no cost to individuals infected with an STD and to other individuals who are at risk for STDs. LPHA may not, under any circumstances, sell condoms supplied to LPHA under this Agreement.

**5. Reporting Obligations and other Requirements.** LPHA shall submit data regarding STD client services, risk criteria and demographic information to OHA via direct entry into the centralized ORPHEUS database or some equivalent mechanism for data reporting deemed acceptable by OHA as outlined in section 2a of this Program Element 10.