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To: Interested Persons

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Subject: HIV Counseling and Testing, and Notification of Partners – Washington  
Administrative Code Chapter 246-100

In October 2008, the State Board of Health filed public notice of its intent to review certain HIV related sections of chapter 246-100 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). This rule review is in response to: (1) "Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Healthcare Settings" issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on September 22, 2006; and (2) recommendations submitted by local health officials and medical associations. The anticipated scope of the rule review includes HIV counseling and testing, and HIV partner notification. The review may clarify and shorten the rule, eliminating dated or unnecessary provisions.

In late 2008, stakeholder meetings were held to receive comments specific to the scope of this rule review. Comments were also received in writing from additional organizations and individuals. After review of these comments, *Draft 1 of Proposed Changes* was developed and additional stakeholder meetings were held in January 2009, and comments received on *Draft 1*. *Draft 2 of Proposed Changes* has now been developed, and prior to formal consideration of changes in administrative code by the State Board of Health, representatives of the Board and the Department of Health will be seeking comments on *Draft 2 of Proposed Changes*.

Representatives of the Department will hold a stakeholder meeting in both Tumwater and Spokane so that the Board and the Department can receive comments on *Draft 2 of Proposed Changes*. Please see the Stakeholder Meeting Announcement for meeting dates, times, and locations.

*Draft 2 of Proposed Changes* will be available at:  
[http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/HIV\\_AIDS/Prev\\_Edu/policyreview.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/HIV_AIDS/Prev_Edu/policyreview.htm)

To obtain a printed copy of *Draft 2 of Proposed Changes*, please contact Beth Watkins at (360) 236-3424.

For those unable to attend one of the meetings, written comments received by June 30, 2009 will be considered. The Stakeholder Meeting Announcement includes directions for submitting comments.

Attachments