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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Health Care Providers

FROM: Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Section  
Division of HIV, Hepatitis, STI, and TB (HHST)

DATE: February 10, 2026

RE: Prenatal Syphilis Act Amendment Effective January 1, 2026

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This letter is to inform you of the changes to the Prenatal Syphilis Act. Effective January 1, 2026, all health care professionals who attend to a pregnant woman in Illinois shall conduct a test for perinatal syphilis at the time of the first examination, and again during the third trimester (**NEW: between 27 and 32 weeks**) to ensure appropriate treatment can be administered (*Public Act 104-0071*). Appropriate treatment (>) 30 days prior to delivery prevents transmission of syphilis to the fetus at delivery.

This amendment is a public health response to the rising cases of congenital syphilis in Illinois.

If you have any questions regarding the legislation, please contact Danny Brikshavana, Chief, IDPH STI Section via email at [danucha.brikshavana@illinois.gov](mailto:danucha.brikshavana@illinois.gov) or by phone (217) 782-2747.

Link to updated legislation:

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/ILCS/Articles?ActID=1553&ChapterID=35>

Thank you,

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