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From: Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Division of Public Health

To: Health Care Providers and Local Health Departments

RE: Bicillin L-A® Supply Challenges

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE's) Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention is alerting Kansas providers that we are currently unable to maintain a sufficient supply of penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A®) – the first-line recommended treatment for syphilis – necessary to meet anticipated levels of demand from our clinical partners and maintain readiness for responding to potential outbreaks. The Bicillin L-A® manufacturer has not announced when normal ordering and shipping will resume. In the meantime, they are working closely with CDC and FDA to address urgent requests.

Due to these national supply constraints, it's essential that we preserve available Bicillin® stock for patients with syphilis, for whom it remains the first line and often the only effective treatment. We ask that alternative therapies be considered for non-syphilitic infections (strep throat, tonsillitis, etc.) wherever clinically appropriate.

During this time, providers and clinics that diagnose or treat sexually transmitted infections are advised to:

- Continue to follow [CDC's treatment recommendations](#). Penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A®) is the only recommended treatment for pregnant people infected or exposed to syphilis.
 - Doxycycline 100mg PO BID for 14 days (for early syphilis) or for 28 days (for late latent or syphilis of unknown duration) is an alternative for the treatment of non-pregnant people with a penicillin allergy.
- Prioritize the use of Bicillin L-A® to treat pregnant people and babies with congenital syphilis.
 - Providers are also encouraged to consider using Bicillin L-A® to treat people who can become pregnant or cause pregnancy that are infected or exposed to syphilis:
 - Females under 45 years of age, and other people who may become pregnant
 - Individuals without stable permanent housing / unhoused population
 - Individuals with high-risk substance use behaviors
- Prioritize the use of Doxycycline to treat people infected or exposed to syphilis who cannot become pregnant.

- Complete the survey at the link provided to report current on-hand inventory of 340B funded syringes of Bicillin L-A® to KDHE: <https://arcg.is/1zium11>
- Any further questions regarding ordering or returning Bicillin L-A® please contact Rachael.South@ks.gov.

Thank you for your continued collaboration.