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To: Clinical and Infection Control Practitioners in Healthcare Institutions in the State of Maryland

From: The Maryland AIDS Administration

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Subject: Important Changes in HIV/AIDS Reporting

Effective April 24, 2007, the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007 requires a clinical or infection control practitioner to report by name to the health department all patients with diagnoses of HIV or AIDS in the care of the institution. Institutions should consider designating a single or specific set of clinical or infection control practitioners to be responsible for all the HIV and AIDS reporting for the institution.

Hospitals, nursing homes, hospice facilities, medical clinics in correctional facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and inpatient drug rehabilitation facilities in Maryland are now required to comply with the new Maryland law, Health General Article 18-202.1. Compliance with the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act will allow the development of complete and accurate statistics on HIV/AIDS disease and ensure that agencies across Maryland get full federal funding to provide services to persons living with HIV and AIDS.

The institution's clinical or infection control practitioners should either call or mail the form DHMH-1140 (Maryland Confidential Morbidity Report) to their local health officer within 48 hours. HIV and AIDS case reports **MUST NOT BE SENT BY FAX**. Institutions are also invited to call their local health officer or the Maryland AIDS Administration to arrange for the routine bulk delivery of case reports, including electronic reporting. Copies of the updated reporting form and its instructions, including the contact information for the local health officers, will be available shortly at:

www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/ProviderResources/surveillance.htm.

For up to date information on HIV and AIDS reporting please visit:

www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/HivReporting/HivReport.html

For additional questions about HIV and AIDS case reporting please contact the Maryland AIDS Administration.

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