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**TO:** Health Care Providers, Infection Control Practitioners, Local Health Departments, Tribal Clinics, HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Agencies, HIV Partner Services Providers, Division of Public Health Regional Offices

**FROM:** James M. Vergeront, MD, Director, Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program

**SUBJECT:** *Wisconsin HIV Partner Services Information Sheet*

The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program is pleased to introduce the *HIV Partner Services Information Sheet* which is intended to provide you and individuals with HIV infection information regarding Wisconsin HIV Partner Services. A copy of this information sheet is attached and can also be downloaded from the web at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/P4/p42114.pdf>.

Partner Services are important public health services that are offered to persons with HIV infection, syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydial infection, and to their partners. During HIV Partner Services, infected persons are confidentially interviewed by skilled public health professionals to elicit information about their sex and drug using partners and social contacts in order to notify them confidentially of their possible exposure or potential risk.

Health care providers are encouraged to give the *HIV Partner Services Information Sheet* to individuals diagnosed with HIV to inform them about Partner Services. When individuals diagnosed with HIV are made aware of HIV Partner Services by the health care providers, the acceptance rate of Partner Services increases and public health efforts directed at reaching persons at risk of HIV infection are more successful.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this important public health intervention to prevent the spread of HIV in Wisconsin.

For questions or additional information regarding HIV Partner Services contact the HIV Partner Services Coordinator, Dhana Shrestha at 608-267-5288 or email at [dhana.shrestha@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhana.shrestha@wisconsin.gov).

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