

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1491</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

Engrossed Senate Bill 1491 authorizes healthcare providers to provide expedited partner therapy to a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection (STI) if the provider judges that the patient's sexual partner is unlikely or unable to present for examination, testing, and treatment. The measure defines expedited partner therapy and requires a provider providing expedited partner therapy to provide counseling to the patient. The measure limits this therapy to a partner exposed to an STI within 60 days of the patient's diagnosis. The measure stipulates that healthcare providers will not be subject to additional liability for providing such therapy, and directs the State Department of Health to distribute certain written materials containing health information. The measure authorizes the State Commissioner of Health, the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, and the State Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules as needed to implement these provisions.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 1491 allows health care providers to offer expedited partner therapy under certain conditions. The State Department of Health (OSDH) must create written materials containing warning information for the sexual partner to be distributed by the health care provider.

OSDH confirmed the provisions of this measure are objective within the department's existing resources. Therefore, this measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.