

- (1) Notify the individual from whom the fluid or tissue sample was obtained of the positive result;
- (2) Provide the individual with a copy of the Department's publication describing available counseling services;
- (3) Counsel the individual to inform all sexual and needle-sharing partners of the individual's positive HIV status;
- (4) Offer to assist in notifying the individual's sexual and needle-sharing partners; and
- (5) If necessary, take action appropriate to comply with § 18-337 of this subtitle.

(f) The informed consent ~~{document}~~ ~~FOR HIV DIAGNOSTIC TESTING~~ shall be distinct ~~{and separate}~~ from all other ~~{consent forms}~~ ~~CONSENTS~~.

(g) A patient identifying number obtained from an anonymous and confidential test site which is approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may be evidence of a patient's informed consent in lieu of a patient's signature.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

~~(a) In consultation with HIV infected patients, AIDS advocacy organizations, and other stakeholders, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall review and streamline the regulations relating to the pre HIV test counseling and post HIV test counseling requirements testing and counseling procedures in health care settings. The Department shall adopt or revise the regulations that address these requirements.~~

(a) The AIDS Administration shall convene a workgroup that includes HIV infected individuals, HIV/AIDS advocacy organizations, HIV service providers, and other stakeholders to review and make recommendations regarding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines regarding HIV/AIDS, including the guidelines relating to pre- and post-test counseling and written informed consent. The workgroup shall review and consider best practices and research and data regarding treatment for HIV/AIDS.

(b) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene workgroup shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2008, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the changes recommended to be made in regulations of the Department any recommendations of the workgroup under subsection (a) of this section.