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Health Alert

Special Considerations for the Treatment of Syphilis using Alternative Therapies in Non-pregnant Persons

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In early June, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released a [Health Advisory](#) informing providers of **long-acting penicillin G benzathine injectable suspension product (Bicillin® L-A) shortages**, along with acceptable alternatives (e.g., doxycycline), recommendations for Bicillin® L-A prioritization (e.g., pregnant people & infants), and conservation guidance (e.g., non-Bicillin® L-A based antimicrobials for non-syphilis infectious diseases). Regrettably, [updated estimates from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration](#) indicate inadequate Bicillin® L-A supplies at least until the 2nd quarter of 2024 due to increased demand and limited manufacturing capacity.

In the setting of Bicillin® L-A supply shortages, CDPH would like to provide further guidance regarding the use of alternative syphilis treatment regimens for non-pregnant persons in unique situational and clinical case scenarios.

[Read the full Letter for Guidance](#)

Please distribute to all providers and staff in your practice