

NEBRASKA: "Bill Would Allow Doctors to Give STD Antibiotics to Patients for Partners"

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State Sen. Amanda McGill (Lincoln) has introduced legislation, LB 992, that would allow doctors to prescribe antibiotics for the sex partners of persons diagnosed with STDs even if the partner refuses to see the physician. "It would give doctors another way to reach people who are afraid to seek treatment themselves or do not know they have been infected," McGill said. She noted that Douglas County's chlamydia rate was almost 70 percent higher than the US rate in 2007. McGill's measure has been referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.