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Subject: Information for Healthcare Providers Regarding Ocular Syphilis

The following message is for Healthcare Providers:

Since December 2014, at least 15 cases of ocular syphilis from California and Washington have been reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At least five other states have suspect cases under investigation. The majority of cases have been among MSM with HIV; and a few cases have occurred among HIV-uninfected persons including heterosexual men and women. Several of the cases have resulted in significant sequelae including blindness. Cases of ocular syphilis should be reported to DHEC at 1-800-277-0873.

Additional information is available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/clinicaladvisoryos2015.htm>