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Dear Local Health STD Partners:

As many of you know, the Michigan Department of Community Health, STD Program, in collaboration with the Bureau of Epidemiology, has been working to incorporate a STD case management module into the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS).

We recognize that many jurisdictions have existing data systems that capture case management information. It is not our expectation that all programs will adopt this system; however, we do ask that you review its functionality and consider whether it will be a good fit for your program. This system was designed as a natural link to MDSS to provide efficient work flow while conducting interviews and field investigations for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia. It will include an electronic field record, an electronic interview record, a patient history tab, a field record search function, and 3 administrative reports. An example of its ability to assist in work flow is that it will populate an interview record or field record from the existing lab report.

The three administrative reports are within the system administration area and are available only to MDSS administrators. They are meant to measure timeliness and success of interview and investigation efforts. Both of these searches, as well as the field record search, utilize a 3-digit unique worker number. If you have staff who perform STD field work that do not have a worker number, please contact Ron Spates at [spatesr@michigan.gov](mailto:spatesr@michigan.gov).

This module will be available beginning the week of December 14, 2009. There is a link on the sign-on page to the MDSS Testing Application where you can test/explore the system. We are currently focusing on training MDCH Disease Intervention Specialists so all 2010 syphilis cases can be converted to the new system. After that, we will contact local health departments to conduct trainings. In the meantime, we encourage you to use the MDSS Testing Application link to test the module's functionality. After testing, if you are comfortable with the process, please contact us about using the live system for 2010 cases. If you have any questions about the module or information you may think would be helpful for future trainings and communications, please contact Katie Macomber at (517) 335-9807 or [macomberk@michigan.gov](mailto:macomberk@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

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