

UPDATE: Penicillin treatment for syphilis is available and supply options are expanding

The high rates of syphilis and congenital syphilis in Arizona continue. Patients infected with syphilis must receive correct and adequate treatment. Fortunately, the widespread shortage of treatment options for syphilis is resolving and treatment options are expanding.

Arizona providers are recommended to:

1. **Resume using penicillin G benzathine as the first line therapy in all persons infected with syphilis.** The multi-year benzathine [shortage has improved and supply is available](#).
  - Penicillin G benzathine is still the first line treatment for syphilis and the only recommended treatment for pregnant people infected with syphilis.
  - Providers can email [sti@azdhs.gov](mailto:sti@azdhs.gov) if experiencing penicillin G benzathine supply issues or distributor caps.
2. **Be aware that the treatment supply of penicillin has been expanded with the FDA-approved [importation of Lentocilin](#)®**, a Portuguese-manufactured version of penicillin G benzathine. The company will sell the drug at \$15 per dose, which may aid providers prestocking treatment in their clinic.
  - Lentocilin can be ordered by emailing [support@toprx.com](mailto:support@toprx.com) or by calling 1-800-542-8677. Providers can review the [prescribing information](#) prior to placing an order.

For further clarification, please see the [2021 STI Treatment Guidelines](#), the [CDC webpage](#) on Bicillin availability, or contact [sti@azdhs.gov](mailto:sti@azdhs.gov).