

**Retail Clinics:  
Department of Health Executive Workgroup  
Approaches Advanced for Further Consideration**

**Statutory Change**

- Add a new subdivision 17 to Section 2801-a of the public health law that would add “Limited Services Clinics” (LSC) under the category of Article 28 diagnostic or treatment centers.

**Naming Convention**

- “Limited Services Clinics” potential name to convey the scope of services provided and not mislead the general public. Mirrored name chosen by Massachusetts which will assist in customer recognition.

**Define Limited Service Clinics**

- Prescribed set of pre-identified diagnostic and treatment services require only a focused history and physical examination that does not require venipuncture or the dispensing of controlled substances; may make use of only CLIA-waived tests; are of a nature that may be provided within the projected duration of patient encounters, using available facilities and equipment; and are for episodic, urgent care related to an illness or for immunizations.

Limited Services do not mean surgical services, dental services, physical rehabilitation services, mental health services, substance abuse services, or birth center services.

**Define Scope of Services**

- LSCs can provide a limited set of services that require only a focused history and physical examination intended for episodic care related to an illness or for immunizations. The LSCs are not intended to be patient-centered medical homes.
- Prohibit services to patients twenty-four months of age or younger. Infants may have special health care needs and chronic diseases that may not be readily identifiable. The requirement is intended to afford pediatricians the opportunity to catch up on immunizations, discuss other potential problems and facilitate patient/provider relationship.
- Prohibit childhood immunizations (excluding influenza vaccine). The requirement is intended to ensure that children 18 years of age and younger have contact with their regular primary care physician at least once per year.

**Define Hours of Operation**

- Offer extended weekday business hours and weekend hours.