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# CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

## NO. 3 - 2006      APRIL 5, 2006

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**TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, MEDICAL DIRECTORS**

**RE: Advancing Access to HIV Counseling and Testing Through Use of Non-Patient Specific Standing Orders**

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The New York State (NYS) Department of Health and the NYS State Education Department have released the attached memorandum entitled "Best Practices for Providing HIV Testing" that explains new ways of making HIV testing available through nursing staff by use of non-patient specific standing orders, pursuant to Chapter 429 of the Laws of 2005. Patients may be offered HIV testing, including rapid testing, by registered professional nurses under non-patient specific standing orders.

For additional information please see the NYS Education Department web site at: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/nurseissues.htm>. Questions regarding how to operationalize an HIV testing program using standard orders may be directed to Mara San Antonio-Gaddy at the NYS Department of Health at 518-474-3671.

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Alan J. Croce, Chairman/Commissioner

Attachment

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