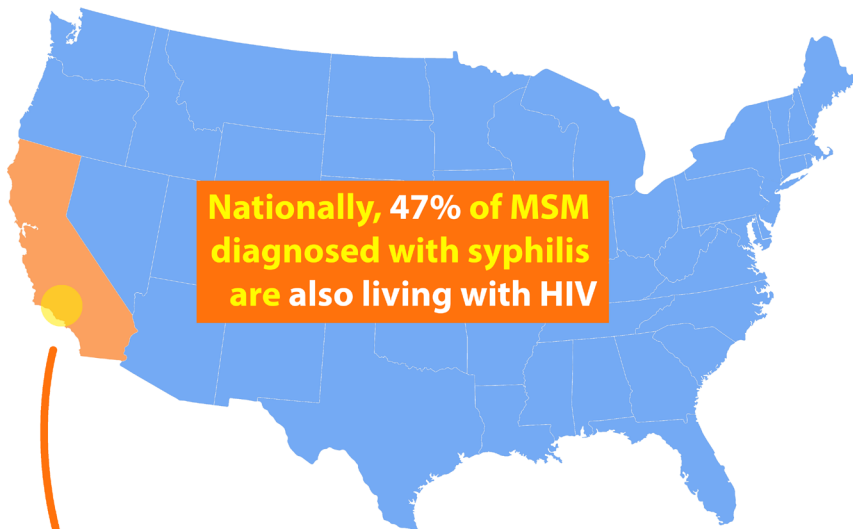


# HIV and Syphilis: Rising Rates for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)



**In Los Angeles County, 60% of MSM diagnosed with early syphilis were also living with HIV**

**2x**

**African American MSM experience double the rate of syphilis compared to all MSM**

## Recommendations

- 1** Increasing provider education about the CDC recommendation for annual STI screening for MSM and PLWH. Women living with HIV are tested less frequently than men, and should be a target audience for enhanced testing.
- 2** Encouraging providers to obtain sexual histories, in order to identify patients at risk of STIs and HIV.
- 3** Including a prompt within the electronic medical record, to remind providers to screen for syphilis as a component of regular care and in PrEP monitoring visits.
- 4** Adding routine STI screening for MSM and PLWH as a quality of care metric (e.g. Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS)) for all health plans, including Medicare and Medicaid-funded services.

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