# Medication Fact Sheet
## Amoxicillin

**UNION COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES**

Amoxicillin is an antibiotic used to treat different kinds of infections. It is used to treat infections caused by anthrax and plague bacteria.

If you have been given amoxicillin or any other penicillin antibiotic in the past and had a reaction or side effect, another antibiotic may be given to you. These other antibiotics are just as effective as amoxicillin in preventing infection.

**If you are pregnant or breastfeeding be sure to tell the health care workers in the clinic.**

Tell the health care worker if you are taking methotrexate, other antibiotics or birth control pills.

**How to take Amoxicillin:**
- You will be given a supply of Amoxicillin. If we learn that you need to take Amoxicillin for a longer period of time, a health care worker will contact you.
- Take amoxicillin three times a day or about every eight hours.
- Take this medicine until all the pills are gone or until you are told to stop. If you stop taking this medicine too soon you may become ill.
- Amoxicillin may be taken with meals.
- If you miss a dose, take Amoxicillin as soon as possible. If it is almost time for the next dose (within three hours), skip the missed dose and take the next dose at the regular time. **Do not** take two doses at one time.

**Reactions or Side Effects:**
- **Common side effects:** nausea, mild diarrhea, stomach pain or discomfort, vaginal yeast infection. If you are diabetic, your urine sugar tests may be falsely positive.
- **Rare side effects:** severe diarrhea, fever, joint pain, change in urination, seizures, unusual bleeding or bruising, anxiety, confusion, sleeplessness.
- **Allergic reaction:** rash; hives; itching; swelling of face, throat or lips; shortness of breath or trouble breathing.
- Seek medical advice if you have a reaction to Amoxicillin.

**DO NOT give your Amoxicillin to any other person.**

**DO NOT give Amoxicillin to children without a physician's order.**

If you do not understand these instructions or if you want more information, please tell the health care worker before you leave the clinic area.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov or call CDC at 800-CDC-INFO (English and Spanish) or 888-232-6348 (TTY).