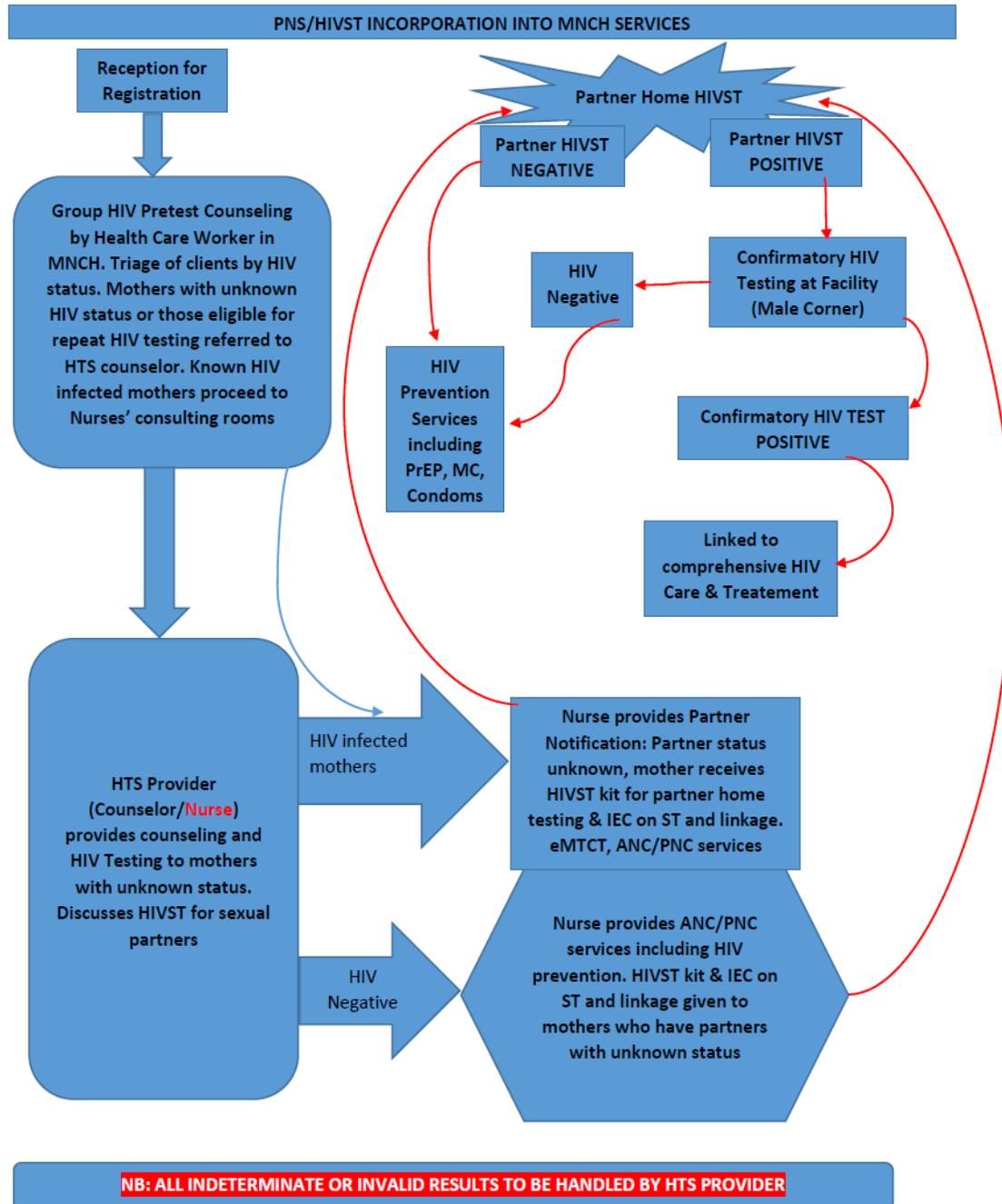


## SOP FOR DISTRIBUTION MODELS IN LESOTHO

### 1. Integration of HIV Self-Testing into Maternal Neonatal Child Health Services (MNCH).

Figure 1: Integration of HIVST into MNCH



Clients are registered at the reception upon arrival. Health care provider will conduct group HIV pretest counseling to mothers who present for MNCH services. MNCH clients are triaged based on HIV status into known and unknown status in a confidential manner. Mothers who are eligible for HIV testing according to guidelines are offered HIV Testing Services (HTS) by health care provider. All pregnant and breastfeeding mothers will be tested with consent using blood based HIV rapid diagnostic tests. Clients with known status including those living with HIV proceed to consult with the MNCH nurse provider.

The HTS provider will establish the HIV status of sexual partner(s) of mothers attending MNCH through history taking. Mothers with sexual partner(s) whose status is unknown will be offered HIVST kits to take home and give to the partner(s). The HIVST register will be completed.

HIVST kit with instructional leaflet will be provided by the nurse to the mother to give to the partner(s), additionally instructional video on self-test will be shared with mothers who have Whatsapp. Clients will be told that a positive self-test result requires a confirmatory test, which must be done by the provider at the nearest health facility or testing center.

At subsequent MNCH visit, the HTS provider or MNCH nurse will ask if the partner(s) self-tested for HIV or not and document in HIVST register and client records. Mothers who do not come for follow-up visits will be phoned to ascertain if the partner(s) self-tested. Information on whether the sexual partner(s) linked to facility for further management will also be obtained during the call. If the self-test was positive, mother will be asked whether the partner received confirmatory HIV test and linked for on-going care & treatment. If not linked yet, then support to link to health facility of choice will be given. Mothers whose male partner(s) self-test result is negative will be asked when and where the partner (s) reported for HIV prevention services including VMMC and PrEP if applicable per national guidelines.