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SUBJ: CLINIC AND SICKBAY CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT (CLIA) CERTIFICATE CHANGES 1.
PROCESSING OF LABORATORY CERTIFICATES AS REQUIRED BY CLIA OF
1998 WILL NOW BE COMPLETED CENTRALLY BY COMMANDANT (CG-1122).
PROCESSING INCLUDES BOTH CLIA BILL PAYMENT AND LABORATORY CERTIFICATE CHANGE REQUESTS.
CLINICS WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A BILL FOR CLIA CERTIFICATES.

2. CG CLINICS WITH CURRENT CLIA CERTIFICATES ARE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM CLIA WAIVED LABORATORY
TESTING. CLINICS THAT PERFORM PROVIDER-PERFORMED MICROSCOPY (PPM) MUST BE COMPLIANT WITH
PROFICIENCY TESTING TO MAINTAIN THE PPM CERTIFICATE.

3. THEREFORE, CLINIC CERTIFICATES WILL BE UPDATED TO CLIA-WAIVED STATUS UNLESS A REQUEST TO
CONTINUE PPM IS RECEIVED BY COMMANDANT
(CG-1122) BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS (COB) 18 FEBRUARY 2010. THIS REQUEST MUST INCLUDE PROFICIENCY
TESTING DOCUMENTATION.

4. TRAINING CENTER CAPE MAY AND THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY CLINICS POSSESSING A CERTIFICATE OF
ACCREDITATION WILL HAVE THEIR CERTIFICATES CHANGED TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE AND
SUBSEQUENTLY DISCONTINUE COMMISSION ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION (COLA) SERVICES.
THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID (CMS) WILL CONDUCT THE BIENNIAL LABORATORY SURVEYS
AFTER THIS CHANGE TAKES EFFECT.

FACILITIES THAT HAVE AN UNPROCESSED CLIA BILL CURRENTLY DUE FOR PAYMENT ARE TO E-MAIL A
COPY OF THEIR BILL TO THE POINT OF CONTACT

(POC) LISTED BELOW. ALL CERTIFICATE CHANGE REQUESTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A CHANGE
OF LABORATORY DIRECTOR OR A CHANGE IN TESTING ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE POC BELOW.

6. POC FOR THIS CHANGE IS LCDR MICHAEL CLAY, COMMANDANT (CG-1122) WHO MAY BE REACHED AT
MICHAEL.C.CLAY(AT)USCG.MIL.

7. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES SENDS.

8. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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