Memo

To: All Infectious Disease Specimen Submitters

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Re: Pre-approval for CDC Infectious Disease Diagnostic Testing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is changing its specimen submission criteria for infectious disease CLIA diagnostic testing as part of a quality improvement initiative. These changes affect several assays and the CDC Test Directory is undergoing a substantial update. Effective immediately and until further notice, pre-approval by the CDC Infectious Diseases Laboratory point of contact (POC) listed in the CDC Test Directory is required, prior to sample submission. This is to ensure submission criteria changes are communicated for the specific test being requested.

For NC facilities initiating pre-approval for infectious disease diagnostic testing at CDC, please copy slph.cdc@dhhs.nc.gov when contacting the CDC Infectious Diseases Laboratory POC to ensure the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) also receives the pre-approval notification. After pre-approval is received from CDC, all other submission steps remain the same including completion of the CDC 50.34 DASH Form and routing through NCSLPH for shipment to CDC.

For general questions for CDC, please contact the Infectious Diseases Specimen Submission (IDSS) Help Desk at CDC_ID_lab_info@cdc.gov. Questions regarding a specific test should be addressed to the CDC POC listed in CDC Test Directory for that specific test.

For general questions about specimen submission to the NCSLPH for forwarding to CDC please contact 919-733-3937 or slph.cdc@dhhs.nc.gov.

Thank you for your patience during this CDC quality improvement initiative. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.