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TO: Laboratory Owners and Directors

FROM: Dennis P. McDonough, M.P.H.  
Director  
Clinical Laboratory Improvement Service

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to N.J.A.C. 8:44-2.5

This is to advise you that the Department is proposing to amend the rules for the operation of clinical laboratories concerning proficiency testing providers.

The proposed amendment will be published in the May 21, 2007 New Jersey Register and will propose to change the current rule which restricts clinical laboratories to participating in proficiency testing (PT) with the Department's PT program, or the PT programs provided by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) or the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB).

The proposed amendment, if adopted, will allow New Jersey's licensed clinical laboratories to participate in proficiency testing with any PT program approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

A copy of the proposed amendment is available on the CLIS website at [www.nj.gov/health/phel/clis.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/phel/clis.shtml). This notice is being mailed to all New Jersey licensed clinical laboratories and CMS-approved proficiency testing programs.

Comments on the proposal shall be submitted in writing by July 20, 2007 to my attention as follows:

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A public hearing on the proposed amendment will held at 1:00 p.m. on June 11, 2007 in the Health and Agriculture Building, the First Floor Auditorium, 369 South Warren Street (at Market Street), Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal at the public hearing are requested to call (609) 984-7923 by June 5, 2007. Please bring an extra written copy of your remarks for inclusion in the public record of the hearing.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please call the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Service at (609) 984-7923.