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Testing of ALF/ICF-DD Staff and Residents

CLIA Certificate of Waiver Required for Point of Care Testing

Facilities can conduct testing of staff and residents through the use of rapid point-of-care (POC) diagnostic testing devices or through an arrangement with an offsite laboratory. POC Testing is diagnostic testing that is performed at or near the site of resident care. For a facility to conduct these tests with their own staff and equipment (including POC devices provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), the facility must have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver (CoW). If a facility performs any laboratory tests directly (e.g., SARS-CoV-2 point-of-care test) the provisions of 42 CFR Part 493 apply and the facility must have a current CLIA Certificate of Waiver for testing performed within the facility.

You can find information on applying for a Certificate of Waiver on the Agency's website at:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Health_Facility_Regulation/Lab_HomeServ/waived_apps.shtml.

Please note that any CLIA certified laboratory (including those with a Certificate of Waiver) must report all positive and negative results within 24 hours to the Florida Department of Health. Facilities that fail to do so are subject to Civil Money Penalties (CMPs) for failure to report. CMPs may be \$1,000 for the first day of noncompliance and \$500 for each additional day of noncompliance.

HHS Provided COVID-19 Tests Kits

Those facilities with CLIA waivers that receive COVID-19 test kits from the federal Health and Human Services directly or through the Florida Division of Emergency Management may use these tests to conduct surveillance testing of staff or residents for early detection, or to assist with enabling visitation.

Please be aware of the limited supply available and use these test kits judiciously.

Pay Your CLIA Certification Fees Online!

CMS now offers laboratories an online option to pay CLIA certification fees through a secure platform hosted by the Treasury Department. Online payments are processed overnight, substantially faster than hard-copy checks, which can take up to 10 business days to process. You can access the online system by clicking on

<https://pay.gov/public/form/start/55598674>. You can also access the payment platform through the [CLIA Program website](#).

You'll need to enter:

- The CLIA ID number included on your invoice
- A debit card, credit card, or bank routing number

For more information on CLIA, visit the [CLIA Program website](#).

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