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ACLA ANNOUNCES NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Washington, D.C. – The American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) announced a new Associate Membership category that will, for the first time, allow health care related companies and organizations including diagnostic manufacturers, non-profits, consultants, investment firms, law firms, information technology and billing firms, and others who work with the laboratory industry to benefit from many of ACLA’s advocacy, education, and collaborative programs as well as meet with the leaders of ACLA member companies.

“ACLA is excited about this new opportunity to work more closely with our partners in the larger health care community on the many critical issues facing the laboratory sector,” said ACLA President Alan Mertz. “The new associate memberships will offer many benefits to these organizations including up to date information on laboratory issues such as reimbursement, coding and regulation and regular opportunities to meet with ACLA’s Board, members, and staff.”

ACLA’s members represent the diversity of laboratories in the United States and include the leading national, regional, specialized and ESRD laboratories. The association is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors representing all of these major types of laboratories. ACLA members meet the highest standards in laboratory medicine today as they are required to be CLIA certified laboratories as well as accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) or an equivalently rigorous accreditation organization. Those full membership requirements stand.

Interested companies and organizations may learn more about Associate Memberships by visiting www.clinical-labs.org and by contacting: Alan Mertz, President, American Clinical Laboratory Association, at the contact information above.