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## CLIA STEPS UP ENFORCEMENT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU?

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### When:

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

2:00 - 3:30 pm Eastern Time

### Format:

90-minute audio conference

### The Speakers:

**Moderator and Overview:**  
Alan Mertz, President - ACLA

### Presenters:

Judy Yost, M.A., M.T.,  
Director Division of CLIA Laboratory Services,  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Dr. Bruce Williams  
Chair, Commission on Laboratory Accreditation,  
College of American Pathologists Laboratory  
Accreditation Program

### Program Overview:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for overseeing compliance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA). Clinical laboratories have a choice of oversight agencies including (1) their state survey agency, under contract with CMS; (2) their state CLIA-exempt program for labs in New York and Washington State; or (3) one of six private accrediting organizations. In June 2006, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report on clinical lab quality and specifically on the oversight role of CMS and the survey organizations. Based on recommendations from that report and the new quality control requirements for non-waived testing issued in 2003 (most of which are no longer educational, but now required), CMS and its partners have heightened interest in laboratory quality oversight.

This ACLA LABline will provide expert insight into current CLIA compliance requirements and enforcement activities. You will learn, from the lead agency expert, CMS's current thinking on how CMS's quality control policy changes impact the survey process, helpful hints related to the top deficiencies found on laboratory inspections and areas of concern identified by CMS and how to prevent their occurrence in your laboratory. A representative from the College of American Pathologists (CAP) will discuss how Accrediting Organization compliance requirements meet or exceed CLIA requirements and how their approach differs from the CMS procedures.

This program is applicable to all clinical laboratorians as well as health policy makers and others. The audio conference will communicate important information about CLIA compliance and penalties and provide helpful education to assist in the survey process.

### Attend this Audio Conference and Learn:

- > **The Top Ten CLIA Deficiencies and Helpful Compliance Hints.**
- > **CMS QC Policy Change for Non-waived Testing.**
- > **PT Referral Issues and Lab Director Responsibilities.**
- > **Enhanced Education and Outreach Activities from CMS and Private Accrediting Bodies.**

### How It Works:

It's easy. Sign-up using the following registration form. The registration fee entitles each site to one phone line with as many participants at the site as interested. So please, share this information packed program with your colleagues.

Prior to the audio conference, we will provide you with instructions on how to sign-in and participate. Program materials will be made available in advance of the program to all registered participants.

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