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CMS Accepts ACLA Recommendations for Flow Cytometry

(Washington, D.C.) – The American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) today applauded the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decision, as part of the final 2007 Physician Fee Schedule, to accept all of ACLA's recommendations for revisions to the technical component of flow cytometry services. This action partially restores payment for these critically important patient services and comes as a result of a two year history of ACLA meetings and dialogue with senior CMS officials.

Following the significant payment reductions announced in 2004, ACLA presented CMS with updated information derived from laboratory members performing flow cytometry services. The data detailed clinical staff time involved with the procedure, as well as additional equipment and supply items. Flow cytometry technical component services will see increases between 14 – 25% despite the imposition of budget neutrality reduction adjustments.

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