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Re: Advisory 13-01: Point of Care Testing Policy

Attached is the MLREMS Point of Care Testing Policy as approved by the REMAC at their March 18th meeting. All agencies should review to assure they are in compliance with Regional Policy. Point of Care testing includes blood glucometry as well as any additional point of care laboratory tests authorized by the REMAC and/or the Agency Medical Director.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Program Agency.

9.XX POINT OF CARE TESTING

PURPOSE

To outline the responsibilities of agencies that wish to perform Point of Care (POC) testing.

POLICY

Agencies that wish to perform any POC testing must have authorization from their Agency Medical Director. Any POC testing must be approved by the FDA as a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations "waived" test:

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfClia/testswaived.cfm>.

TRAINING

Agencies must ensure that any provider who performs POC testing has undergone a regimen of training approved by the Agency Medical Director and is able to show competency in the acquisition of biological samples for testing, and the documentation and interpretation of any data obtained from such testing.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Any agency that proposes to provide POC testing must develop a written plan for quality assurance. The plan must include the manufacturer's suggested periodic calibration testing, records of any scheduled/periodic maintenance performed by a qualified biomedical technician, and the documentation and interpretation of such POC test results.

BLOOD GLUCOMETRY

Any agency wishing to perform blood glucometry must adhere to the guidelines established by NYS DOH BEMS Policy Statement 12-01 (until superseded) regarding Blood Glucometry and possess a Limited Service Laboratory Registration Certificate. In addition, the Medical Director Verification Form (DOH 4362) must be submitted to NYS DOH BEMS through the regional Program Agency.