

MEMO

TO: The Record
FROM: Valery Freeman-Allen
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RE: State of FLA Laboratory Licensure for QualTex Laboratories

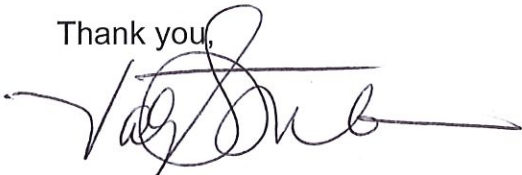
As of July 1, 2018, the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) no longer requires laboratories performing non-waived testing to maintain a clinical laboratory license through the state of Florida. Laboratories who perform clinical testing are to only be certified through the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA).

Due to the discontinuation of the licensure program, the Florida license for the QualTex Laboratory Norcross (License #800026019) and San Antonio (License # 800025439) locations will not be renewed upon their expiration in 2019. Please see the attached discontinuation notice posted by AHCA at the following website link:

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

The QualTex CLIA certifications can be found on the QualTexLabs.org website.

Thank you,



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Discontinuation of Clinical Laboratory Licensure Program

Senate Bill 622, passed during the 2018 Florida legislative session, made several changes to health care licensure laws within the State, including the repeal of the Agency's authority to license Clinical Laboratories effective July 1, 2018. Providers who perform clinical laboratory testing must continue to obtain and maintain federal certification from the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) program and, when applicable, comply with clinical laboratory personnel licensure requirements.

The updated statutory language is available at: http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2018_024.pdf

Applications

The Agency will continue to accept applications for initial licensure through June 30, 2018. Each applicant will be informed of the pending changes to statute and will be given the opportunity to request their application and fee be returned to them prior to the Agency's review. Initial applicants who do not want their application returned must complete the application process, including survey, no later than June 30, 2018 in order to receive a license.

Currently licensed clinical laboratories whose license expires prior to July 1, 2018 must renew their license if they intend to provide clinical laboratory services between the date of expiration and July 1, 2018. Applications to renew a license that expires on or after July 1, 2018 will be returned to the applicant unprocessed. Applications to change an address or other information on a current license will continue to be processed through June 30, 2018.

Fees

All applications submitted for review and processing must be received with the requisite fee. Application fees will not be prorated and are not refundable.

