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**Division of Survey and Certification, Region VI**

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**Reference: 45D0660644**  
**Expired CLIA Certificate – July 28, 2008 – Extension**

Dear Doctor Neill:

As the current CLIA certificate of the Laboratory Services Section, Department of State Health Services, expired on July 28, 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, (CMS) will administratively extend your laboratory's CLIA certificate effective from **July 28, 2009 to December 29, 2009**. If you should get any inquiries regarding your CLIA Certificate, please forward those inquiries to this office.

A recertification survey of the Laboratory Services Section, Department of State Health Services was conducted the week of August 18-22, 2008. CMS is currently processing this survey. Once the survey has been processed, the laboratory will receive their new Certificate. This delay in the survey process is due to scheduling issues in the Dallas Regional Office and is beyond your laboratory's control. In addition, CMS Central Office has requested that the States and Regional Offices be sensitive to conducting surveys in Public Health Laboratories due to the Swine Flu epidemic. We will accommodate the Public Health Laboratories during this period of the Swine Flu epidemic.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 767-4414 or [spearson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:spearson@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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