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To: Directors of Laboratories Licensed to Provide Clinical Testing in the State of Maryland

From: The Maryland AIDS Administration

Subject: Important Changes in HIV/AIDS Reporting

Effective April 24, 2007, the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007 requires all laboratory directors to report by name to the health department all patients with specimens indicating HIV infection or with tests for CD4+ lymphocyte counts.

Licensed laboratories are now required to comply with the revised Maryland law, Health General Article 18-205. Compliance with the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act will allow the development of complete and accurate statistics on HIV/AIDS disease and ensure that agencies across Maryland get full federal funding to provide services to persons living with HIV and AIDS.

Laboratory directors should mail the form DHMH-4492 (Maryland HIV and CD4 Report Form) to either their local health officer or the Maryland AIDS Administration within 48 hours. HIV and CD4 test reports **MUST NOT BE SENT BY FAX**. Laboratory directors are also invited to call the Maryland AIDS Administration to arrange for electronic reporting of test results.

Copies of the updated reporting form and its instructions, including the contact information for the local health officers, will be available shortly at:

www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/ProviderResources/surveillance.htm.

For up to date information on HIV and AIDS reporting please visit:

www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/HivReporting/HivReport.html

For additional questions about HIV and AIDS case reporting please contact the Maryland AIDS Administration.

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