

## **Attention: Update for Licensed Clinical Laboratories**

**Effective, July 1, 2021, state licensure is no longer required for clinical laboratories in Georgia.**

The enactment of Georgia House Bill 93 (GA HB93) will remove Georgia State licensure requirements for clinical laboratories, collection stations, tissue banks, and laboratory directors. Georgia State clinical laboratory licensure enforcement activity will be suspended by state and accreditation agencies, effective **July 1, 2021**. In an effort to maintain the high standards of Georgia State clinical laboratories, set by the Georgia State Clinical Laboratory Rules and Regulations, laboratories may choose to remain in compliance with state regulations without regulatory oversight. Providers with current, active state licensure are unable to request refunds however should shred or return licenses to the Georgia Department of Community Health upon license expiration date. **This change does not impact federal requirements. All clinical laboratories, operating in Georgia, must continue to comply with applicable Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) requirements.**

Questions or concerns should be forwarded to [hfrd.diagnostic@dch.ga.gov](mailto:hfrd.diagnostic@dch.ga.gov).

Sincerely,

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