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This letter is a follow-up to the recent phone conversation you had with Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) staff. Like many in the healthcare field, public health is facing significant changes due to the Affordable Care Act and declining federal and state funds.

Aside from testing related to newborn screening or as otherwise designated by ADPH, effective January 1, 2014, the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (ADPH's State Laboratory) will require billing information for tests performed. Ordering facilities must submit patient demographic and insurance information with each specimen.

Some providers and facilities expressed an interest in pursuing an alternative payment agreement. If this interests you, please contact Leigh Sanders at 334-260-3400 or leigh.sanders@adph.state.al.us.

BCL's web portal provides an electronic mechanism to order tests and receive results. If your facility does not use the web portal, your staff will need to submit the enclosed *Requisition Form for Laboratory Testing* with each specimen, except newborn screening. This form is available online at www.adph.or/bcl. If your facility would like to utilize the web portal, please contact Ron Howard at 334-260-3400 or ron.howard@adph.state.al.us.

In addition, ADPH would appreciate your assistance in capturing patient demographic and insurance information for specimens sent in 2013. We are currently compiling patient lists for 2013, which will be distributed to you in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sanders

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon P. Massingale".

Sharon Massingale, Ph.D., HCLD (CC/ABB)
Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
Director

Enclosure:
Requisition Form for Laboratory Testing

cc: Mary G. McIntyre, M.D.