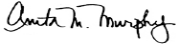




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RE: Information on the Limited Service Laboratory Registration Certificate

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) has notified the New York State Education Department (NYSED) that, under **Article 5, Title V Public Health Law - §579**, all facilities performing laboratory tests on an individual must have a *Limited Service Laboratory Registration Certificate*. This requirement applies to schools.

Laboratory tests are defined as medical procedures that involve testing samples of blood, urine, or other tissues or substances from the body. The most common laboratory tests done in schools include blood glucose testing and urine dipstick testing.

This requirement will impact school nurses in relation to Medicaid billing. Additional information regarding Medicaid billing will be provided in a separate Medicaid Alert memo.

At this time, schools **do not** have to apply for the *Limited Service Laboratory Registration Certificate*, although they will need to do so at a future date. Prior to that date, NYSED will collaborate with NYSDOH to develop guidance and other information to assist schools in meeting this requirement. Questions regarding this requirement should be directed to the NYSED Office of Student Support Services at StudentSupportServices@mail.nysed.gov or by phone at (518) 486-6090.

Thank you for your attention.

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