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Dear Ambulatory Surgery Center Applicant:

RE: Initial Medicare surveys performed by the state

We appreciate your request to be certified for participation in the Medicare program. Due to very substantial federal resource limitations, we must currently adhere to a careful priority schedule as we respond to requests from providers that newly seek to participate in Medicare. We hope this letter is helpful to you in understanding your options in this difficult situation.

Most types of providers, and some suppliers, are required to demonstrate that they are in full compliance with Medicare quality and safety requirements. This demonstration is accomplished during an onsite survey conducted by trained and qualified surveyors from the State survey agency (SA) pursuant to an agreement with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The CMS-855 must have been approved and the provider fully operational in order for a survey to be conducted.

Some provider/supplier types, such as ambulatory surgery centers, have the additional option to be accredited by a CMS-approved accreditation organization (AO), and such accreditation is "deemed" to be equivalent to a recommendation by the SA for CMS certification. The attached list provides contact information on each such AO, as well as information regarding the types of providers/suppliers for which deeming applies.

CMS instructs States to place a higher priority on recertification of existing providers, on complaint investigations, and on similar work for existing providers than for initial surveys of providers or suppliers newly seeking Medicare participation. Due to severe resource limits for Medicare survey & certification functions, few initial providers that have an AO option will be surveyed by the state. **We are still required to conduct the licensure survey for state regulatory compliance. However, new ambulatory surgery center applicants waiting for a SA Medicare survey are being surveyed in the order their application is received.** The expected timeframe for the state to perform an initial Medicare survey for new applicants is at least 10 months.

We regret that the resource limitations under which we operate may complicate the process of enrolling in Medicare as a certified provider or supplier. Contact the Division of Licensing and Certification at (517) 241-4160 for additional information.

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Appendix C - CMS-Approved Accrediting Organization Contact Information CMS

Organization	Provider Type	Name	Address	Work Number	Fax Number	E-Mail Address
Joint Commission (JC)	Hospitals, HHAs, Hospice, ASCs, CAHs	Kurtz, Trisha	601 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 1150N Washington, D.C. 20005	202-783-6655	202-783-6888	pkurtz@jcaho.org
	Labs	Steffens, Kathie Peck, Margaret	One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60093	630-792-5785 630-792-5287	630-792-4885	ksteffens@jcaho.org mpeck@jcaho.org
	Hospitals, CAHs, ASCs	Reuther, George	142 East Ontario St Chicago, IL 60611-2864	312-202-8060	312-202-8360	greuther@hfap.org
American Osteopathic Association (AOA)	Hospitals, CAHs, ASCs	Beem, Karen	142 East Ontario St Chicago, IL 60611-2864	800-621-1773 Ext. 8066	312-202-8360	kbeem@hfap.org
	Labs	Thompson, Carol	142 E. Ontario St. Chicago, IL 60611	312-202-8070	312-202-8370	cthompson@hfap.org
Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP)	HHAs, Hospice	Surrency, Gale	1300 19 <sup>th</sup> Street NW Suite 150 Washington, D.C. 20036	202-862-3413 800-656-9656, ext. 12	202-862-3419	gsurrency@chapinc.org
	ASCs	Gravesville, Meg	5200 Old Orchard Road Suite 200 Skokie, IL 60076	847-853-6073	847-853-9028	mgravesmill@aaahc.org
Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)	ASCs	Villanueva, Michon	5200 Old Orchard Road Suite 200 Skokie, IL 60076	847-853-6063	847-853-9028	mvillanueva@aaahc.org
	ASCs	Pearcy, Jeff	5101 Washington Street Suite 2F P.O. Box 9500 Gurnee, IL 60031	847-775-1970	847-775-1985	jeff@aaaanf.org
American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF)	HHAs	Cesar, Tom	4700 Falls of the Neuse Rd Suite 280 Raleigh, NC 27609	919-785-1214	919-785-3011	tcesar@aaahc.org
	Labs	McElroy, Melissa	90 West County Rd C Suite 300 St. Paul, MN 55117	651-487-2806	651-489-3387	Melissa@cmehelp.com
American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI)						

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College of American Pathologists (CAP)	Labs	Zachary, Andrea	Johns Hopkins Immunogenetics Laboratory 2941 E. Monument St. Baltimore, MD 21205	410-955-3600	410-955-0431	<a href="mailto:aaz@jhmi.edu">aaz@jhmi.edu</a> <a href="mailto:mnl@jhmi.edu">mnl@jhmi.edu</a>
		Leffell, Mary				
Commission on Laboratory Accreditation (COLA)	Labs	Daniels, Amy	325 Waukegan Northfield, IL 60093	847-832-7471	847-832-8471	<a href="mailto:adaniel@cap.org">adaniel@cap.org</a>
		Driscoll, Denise		847-832-7243		<a href="mailto:ddrisco@cap.org">ddrisco@cap.org</a>
American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)	Labs	Harkins, Mina	9881 Broken Land Pkwy Suite 200 Columbia, MD 21046	410-381-6581 X 500 410-381-6581 X 573	410-381-8611	<a href="mailto:mharkins@cola.org">mharkins@cola.org</a> <a href="mailto:apatel@cola.org">apatel@cola.org</a>
		Patel, Alka				
		Sullivan, Judy	8101 Glenbrook Rd Bethesda, MD 20814	301-215-6540	301-907-6895	<a href="mailto:jsullivan@aabb.org">jsullivan@aabb.org</a>
		Rapp, Holly		301-215-6523		<a href="mailto:Holly@aabb.org">Holly@aabb.org</a>