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To Whom It May Concern:

Clinical laboratory testing is regulated in the state of Florida under the provisions of Chapter 483, Part I, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) also applies to those performing clinical laboratory testing in Florida, as well as all other states.

Under the provisions of section 483.181, F.S., clinical laboratories may only test specimens and report results to a licensed practitioner or other person authorized by law. Authorized practitioners are defined in 483.041(7), F.S. and include:

- Chapter 458, Medical Physicians
- Chapter 459, Osteopathic Physicians
- Chapter 460, Chiropractors
- Chapter 466, Dentists
- Chapter 461, Podiatrists
- Chapter 462, Naturopaths
- Chapter 464, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners; and
- Others authorized by law

Others authorized by law include those practitioners whose licensing acts grant the authorization to order clinical laboratory tests. CLIA requirements defer to individual state laws regarding the ordering and release of clinical laboratory tests.

After review of Chapter 467, F.S., and Rule 64B24-7, Florida Administrative Code, the Agency has determined that midwives licensed under those provisions are authorized to order clinical laboratory tests and receive those test results.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at 850-487-3109 or jamesp@fdhc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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