How Long Will It Take to Get My Initial CLIA Certificate?

Once the WVOLS CLIA Section enters your CLIA application into the CMS system, the following process begins at the federal level. On the following Tuesday night, the CMS system will run a program looking for new applications. Once the system finds the initial request it will prompt for a bill to be generated and mailed. The printing and mailing of the bill by the CMS contract facility can take up to 10 days from the prompt's upload. Once mailed, the post office may take 2 to 7 days to deliver. You need to pay the bill. The next Tuesday night the CMS program will run looking for completed payments. The program will prompt for a certificate to be generated and mailed. The printing and mailing of the CLIA Certificate by the CMS contract facility can take up to 10 days from the prompt's upload. Once mailed, the post office may take 2 to 7 days to deliver. You must not begin testing until you have your certificate in hand.

Can I Make This Process Happen Faster?

You can expedite the process by quickly making your payment. If you mail a check you must include the CLIA Fee Coupon that was mailed to your facility. Not including the Fee Coupon can results in a delay while they determine who submitted the check and for what facility.

The fastest way to make your payment is by paying online at www.pay.gov. This is an easy process and can be done using a credit card.