

TYPES OF CLIA CERTIFICATES

Certificate of Waiver – This certificate is issued to a laboratory to perform only waived tests.

Certificate for Provider-Performed Microscopy Procedures (PPMP) – This certificate is issued to a laboratory in which a physician, midlevel practitioner or dentist performs no tests other than the microscopy procedures CMS considers to be Provider Performed Microscopy. This certificate also permits the laboratory to also perform waived tests. No other testing may be performed on this certificate. PPMP testing may not be performed by any employees other than a physician or mid-level practitioner on this certificate.

Certificate of Registration – This certificate is issued to a laboratory that enables the entity to conduct moderate or high complexity laboratory testing or both until the entity is determined, by survey, to be in compliance with the CLIA regulations. This is a temporary/intermediate certificate between the facility's initial application (compliance and accreditation only) and their first compliance survey.

Certificate of Compliance – This certificate is issued to a laboratory after an inspection that finds the laboratory to be in compliance with all applicable CLIA requirements. This certificate allows the facility to perform moderate or high complexity testing or both. The facility may also perform waived tests. Compliance facilities are inspected by their CMS CLIA State Agency.

Certificate of Accreditation – This certificate is issued to a laboratory after an inspection by the laboratory's accreditation organization to determine compliance with all applicable CLIA requirements. This certificate allows the facility to perform moderate or high complexity testing or both. The facility may also perform waived tests. Accredited facilities are inspected by their accrediting agency. The accrediting agency must be approved by CMS.