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MEMORANDUM

TO: Blood Lead Testing Agencies

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SUBJECT: Blood Lead test requisitions will be moving to Electronic Test Ordering and Results (ETOR)

Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Laboratories (IDPH DOL) is announcing that it will be transitioning from paper test requisitions to the online Electronic Test Ordering and Results (ETOR) portal for all samples submitted for Blood Lead. The ETOR online ordering platform will replace the current Blood Lead Test Requisition Form and provide submitters online access to patient test results. The ETOR portal will be available for your use on September 9, 2024, and we request submitters begin using it on this date.

The ETOR portal will allow submitters to track when your specimens arrive in the lab, where they are in the testing process, and when the results become available for access. ETOR will eliminate the need to call the laboratory to check on test result status or have results re-sent because you will have direct access through the portal.

To properly identify each specimen, and match it with the correct ETOR form, please ensure that all specimens are clearly labeled with the patient's name and date of birth and the ETOR generated form is completed and attached. Unlabeled specimens and/or specimens which do not contain at least two patient identifiers and the completed form is not attached, will be rejected from testing.

To enroll in the ETOR portal, please contact dph.labs.dmg@illinois.gov immediately to complete the enrollment process. As paper submission forms will no longer be accepted by the laboratory after the initial Production implementation is completed. Each person that will order Blood Lead tests in your facility will need a unique login. A generic login used for supply ordering is not acceptable for test ordering. For those users in your facility that are already using ETOR for other lab testing services, no additional steps will be required for them except to notify dph.labs.dmg@illinois.gov that the role to blood lead testing needs to be added.

IDPH DOL will provide training material to each facility that will help guide you through this new process and will have staff available to answer questions. We are excited to pilot this process with your agencies. If you have questions regarding Blood Lead testing, please contact Brian Nicholson at Brian.Nicholson@Illinois.gov. If you have questions regarding ETOR Technical Support, contact the laboratory's data management helpdesk at dph.labs.dmg@Illinois.gov.