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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee  
(**CLIAC**).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., February 8, 2006; 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., February 9, 2006.

Place: Doubletree Hotel (Atlanta/Buckhead), 3342 Peachtree Road NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Telephone: (404) 231-1234.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This Committee is charged with providing scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding the need for, and the nature of, revisions to the standards under which clinical laboratories are regulated; the impact on medical and laboratory practice of proposed revisions to the standards; and the modification of the standards to accommodate technological advances.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda will include updates from the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and CDC; reports on national cytology proficiency testing status and Coordinating Council on the Clinical Laboratory Workforce activities addressing laboratory personnel shortages; and the role of the public health laboratory, including scope of services, customers, connectivity, and preparedness.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Providing Oral or Written Comments: It is the policy of **CLIAC** to accept written public comments and provide a brief period for oral public comments whenever possible. Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting to make an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of five minutes (unless otherwise indicated). Speakers must also submit their comments in writing for inclusion in the meeting's Summary Report. To assure adequate time is scheduled for public comments, individuals or groups planning to make an oral presentation should, when possible, notify the contact person below at least one week prior to the meeting date. Written Comments: For individuals or groups unable to attend the meeting, **CLIAC** accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated). However, the comments should be received at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made

available to the Committee for their consideration and public distribution. Written comments, one hard copy with original signature, should be provided to the contact person below. Written comments will be included in the meeting(s) Summary Report.

Contact Person for Additional Information: Devery Howerton, Acting Chief, Laboratory Practice Standards Branch, Division Public Health Partnerships--Laboratory Systems, National Center for Health Marketing, Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway NE., Mailstop G-23, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3717; telephone (770) 488-8155; fax (770) 488-8279; or via e-mail at [DHowerton@cdc.gov](mailto:DHowerton@cdc.gov).

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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