

August 30, 2024

Dear Laboratory Partners,

As you know, we have pursued a new model for renewal accreditation applications this year. Part of this shift included invoicing for the requested scope of accreditation rather than invoicing based on the laboratory's previously requested scope.

We will be issuing the renewal invoices as soon as possible and will set a deadline to ensure sufficient time for payment. However, we are unable to issue renewal accreditation certificates and scopes prior to receipt of payment.

In order to protect laboratories from experiencing a lapse in accreditation due to these factors, we are administratively extending your existing accreditation certificate and scope. Any accredited laboratory who was granted accreditation prior to the date of this letter will automatically remain covered by the continued scope of accreditation until their new certificate is issued or until December 31, 2024, whichever occurs first.

Please contact our Laboratory Accreditation staff by email at <u>LabAccreditation@deq.ok.gov</u> or by phone at (405) 702-1000 option 5, if you have any questions or concerns.

We appreciate your patience.

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Sincerely,

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