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**To:** Regional Medical Laboratory Clients  
**From:** Regional Medical Laboratory – Client Services  
**Date:** December 8, 2008  
**Subject:** Client Supplies

Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) is pleased to provide our valued clients with supplies for testing performed at RML. However, due to guidelines provided by the Federal Government, RML and all other commercial laboratories are required to diligently monitor supply utilization to ensure strict compliance. Federal health care provider anti-kickback statute 42 U.S.C. §1320a-7b(b) prohibits laboratories from providing supplies for any other reason than collecting specimens for testing that will be performed by the laboratory (RML). It would be considered an anti-kickback violation by the laboratory and the client if supplies were provided for any other purpose. Please help us remain compliant when requesting supplies from RML by only ordering supplies for specimens that will be returned to RML for testing.

In addition, it is important to RML to do our part to support the “GREEN” coalition and strive to control costs in these very challenging economic times. In keeping with these efforts, please help by placing biweekly orders rather than monthly orders and trading out supplies before the expiration date. Monitoring the expiration dates and returning the supplies that will not be used within 30-60 days prior to expiration will provide a substantial contribution toward the overall efforts to clean up our planet by reducing waste.

As we join together to provide the best healthcare for our patients, RML would like to say that we greatly appreciate your business and cooperation in these very important matters. Please feel free to contact your RML representative or your local Client Services department if you have any concerns, questions or ideas related to supplies.