



December 10, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community Residential Care Facilities  
Nursing Homes

**FROM:** DHEC Healthcare Quality

**SUBJECT:** CLIA Facility Status Types for Long-Term Care Facilities

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) reminds community residential care facilities and nursing homes to confirm that the correct facility type is listed in their Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver.

**Please note that an incorrect facility status type on a CLIA Certificate can lead to delays in a facility receiving COVID-19 testing kits from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other suppliers.**

If the incorrect facility type is currently listed on your CLIA Certificate, then please contact Healthcare Quality at [SC\\_CLIA@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:SC_CLIA@dhec.sc.gov) or by calling (803) 545-4203 for assistance. **Facilities must send a letter to DHEC’s CLIA Program in order for this request to be authorized.** Facilities that need to have their facility type corrected on their Certificate are required to send a letter on company letterhead with their CLIA ID, correct facility type, and signature.

To ensure that your facility has the correct CLIA facility status type, please see the below facility types to choose from. Community residential care facilities should select Option 4: Assisted Living Facility, while nursing homes should select Option 27: Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility.

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**III. TYPE OF LABORATORY** *(Check the one most descriptive of facility type)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Ambulance                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Health Main. Organization   | <input type="checkbox"/> 22 Practitioner Other <i>(Specify)</i>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Ambulatory Surgery Center                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Home Health Agency  | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 Prison  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Ancillary Testing Site in Health Care Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Hospice   | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Public Health Laboratories                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Assisted Living Facility                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Hospital  | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Rural Health Clinic                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Blood Bank                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Independent   | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 School/Student Health Service                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Community Clinic                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Industrial  | <input type="checkbox"/> 27 Skilled Nursing Facility/<br>Nursing Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Comp. Outpatient Rehab Facility                | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Insurance   | <input type="checkbox"/> 28 Tissue Bank/Repositories                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08 End Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Facility      | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> 29 Other <i>(Specify)</i>                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Federally Qualified Health Center              | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Mobile Laboratory   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Health Fair                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Pharmacy  |   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Physician Office  |   |
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More information on CLIA Certification and COVID-19 testing from DHEC is available [here](#). If you are a long-term care facility with a pending CLIA application, then you can look up the current status of your CLIA Certification of Waiver [here](#). If you wish to update your application with the correct facility status type or additional information, then please email [SC\\_CLIA@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:SC_CLIA@dhec.sc.gov).

Any questions related to CLIA can be directed to Ashley Gibbs, CLIA Program Manager, at [gibbsak@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:gibbsak@dhec.sc.gov) or by emailing [SC\\_CLIA@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:SC_CLIA@dhec.sc.gov).