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Dr. Eva Martin, M.D., Director Planned Parenthood Southeast, Savannah 44-B Lee Boulevard, Suite B Savannah, GA 31405

CLIA:

RE: CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Dear Director:

In order for a laboratory to perform testing under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), Public Law 100-578, it must comply with all CLIA requirements. These requirements are found in section 353 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 263a) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 493 (42 C.F.R. § 493). Federal regulations require onsite surveys to determine whether or not a laboratory is in compliance with the applicable regulations. Compliance with these regulations is a condition of certification for the CLIA program.

The State Of Ga, Healthcare Facility Regulation Division conducted a Recertification survey of your laboratory on January 19, 2018. The results of the survey showed that all CLIA Condition-level requirements were met during the time of the onsite survey. We are recommending to CMS that your laboratory be recertified in the CLIA program.

Please note that the routine survey takes an overview of the laboratory through random sampling. By its nature, the routine survey may not find every instance of non-compliance that may have occurred in the laboratory. It remains the responsibility of the laboratory and its director to ensure that the laboratory is at all times following all CLIA requirements, to identify any problems in the laboratory and take corrective action specific to the problems, and to institute appropriate quality assessment measures to ensure that the deficient practices do not recur.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 404-657-5700.



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