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Dear Connie Ballard:

This letter serves to notify you that the Vermont Legislature passed [Act 57](#) (2019), an act relating to insurance and securities, and Vermont Governor Phil Scott signed this into law on June 10, 2019. Section 15 of Act 57 removes the requirement that the Vermont Department of Health approves laboratories completing HIV testing for insurance purposes. Instead, the law now requires that all "HIV-related tests required by insurers or insurance support organizations must be processed in a laboratory certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA), 42 U.S.C. § 263a, or that meets the requirements of the federal Health Care Financing Administration under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments." Please see Section 15 (page 20) of Act 57 (2019) for further details. Therefore, you do not need to submit yearly request for approval this year and in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Celotti".

Mary Celotti  
Laboratory Director