



## **MLS: Laboratory Update**

MDH Reporting Rule Change for HIV-Associated Laboratory Testing - ADOPTED

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### **Purpose of this Message**

This message is to update you about the adopted change to the Communicable Disease Reporting Rules, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4605, specifically affecting the reporting of laboratory test results to assist in the monitoring of HIV and AIDS.

### **NEW RULE ADOPTED**

The following proposed rule change was adopted as proposed and is effective June 27, 2011:

The proposed rules govern communicable disease reporting, specifically *Minnesota Rules* 4605.7030. The statutory authority to adopt the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, section 144.12, subd. 1 and *Minnesota Statutes*, section 144.05 subd.1. The amendments bring the existing rules up to date to stay current with medical advances. They require all laboratories to report the results of both all CD4+ lymphocyte counts and percents and the results of all HIV viral detection laboratory tests to MDH.

### **BACKGROUND**

As an update to the rule making process of which you have previously been made aware (MLS messages sent January 4, 2010 and February 15, 2011 see [www.health.state.mn.us/mls](http://www.health.state.mn.us/mls) for archived MLS messages), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has received approval to amend one part of the Communicable Disease Reporting Rule, specifically Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4605.7030, related to reporting HIV/AIDS laboratory results. Notice of these adopted rules were published in the State Register on Monday June 20, 2011 and went into effect 5 Business Days after publication on June 27, 2011. To view this publication, please see page 1967 of the following link:

[http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/35\\_51.pdf](http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/35_51.pdf). For the original dual notice with the proposed amendments, please visit the following link, beginning on page 1223:  
[http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/35\\_33.pdf](http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/35_33.pdf).

### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCESS**

If you are interested in transmitting laboratory results electronically, please contact electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) staff in the MDH Minnesota Electronic Disease Surveillance System (MEDSS) team at [Health.MDHEL@state.mn.us](mailto:Health.MDHEL@state.mn.us), or by phone at 651-717-5708. A website is being constructed that will describe how to report laboratory results electronically at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/medss/elr.html>. This site is in its early stages and will be updated in the coming days.

Thank you,

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