

**WAC 246-338-040 Approval of accreditation organizations. (1)**

The department will recognize the accreditation organizations granted deemed status by CMS.

(2) The CMS-approved accreditation organizations are:

(a) Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC);

(b) American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA);

(c) American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI);

(d) Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB);

(e) COLA;

(f) College of American Pathologists (CAP); and

(g) Joint Commission.

(3) The accreditation organizations must:

(a) Allow the department to have jurisdiction to investigate complaints, do random on-site validation inspections, and take disciplinary action against a medical test site if indicated;

(b) Notify the department within 15 days of any medical test site that:

(i) Has had its accreditation withdrawn, revoked, or limited;

(ii) Is sanctioned as a result of a routine inspection or complaint investigation; or

(iii) When adverse action has been taken for unsuccessful proficiency testing performance;

(c) Notify the department within five days of any deficiency that jeopardizes the public health, safety, or welfare; and

(d) Provide the department with a list of inspection schedules, as requested, for the purpose of conducting on-site validation inspections.

(4) The department will:

(a) Revoke deemed status from any organization which has deeming authority removed by CMS; and

(b) Notify the medical test site if approval of an accreditation organization is withdrawn by the department.

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