

(VII) REQUIRE CYTOLOGY LABORATORIES TO REJECT UNSATISFACTORILY PREPARED SPECIMENS, MAKE APPROPRIATE COMMENTS REGARDING THE QUALITY OF THE SPECIMEN, AND MAINTAIN RECORDS ON UNSATISFACTORILY PREPARED SPECIMENS FOR 5 YEARS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(VIII) REQUIRE CYTOLOGY LABORATORIES TO MAINTAIN AND STORE FOR 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EXAMINATION ANY SLIDE THAT WAS EXAMINED FOR DISEASE OR DISEASE AGENTS;

(IX) REQUIRE ALL CYTOLOGY REPORTS TO BE RETAINED FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS;

(X) PROHIBIT PHYSICIANS FROM SENDING PAP SMEAR SPECIMENS TO OUT-OF-STATE LABORATORIES NOT LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

~~(VI)~~ (XI) ESTABLISH ANY ADDITIONAL STANDARDS THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT MEDICAL LABORATORIES ENGAGED IN ~~EXTOPATHOLOGY~~ CYTOLOGY PROVIDE SAFE AND RELIABLE SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE.

(2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER RELEVANT PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR RELEVANT REGULATION ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE GOVERNING MEDICAL LABORATORIES.

(D) (1) TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT A CYTOLOGY PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM FOR ALL CYTOLOGY PERSONNEL IN THE STATE THAT EXAMINE CYTOLOGY SPECIMENS.

~~(2) -- THE PROFICIENCY -- TESTING -- PROGRAM -- SHALL -- REQUIRE EACH -- MEDICAL -- LABORATORY -- ISSUED -- A -- PERMIT -- UNDER -- THE -- PROVISIONS -- OF THIS -- SUBTITLE -- TO -- DEMONSTRATE -- SATISFACTORY -- PERFORMANCE -- IN APPLICABLE -- LABORATORY -- PROCEDURES.~~

~~(3) (2) ALL CYTOLOGY PROFICIENCY TESTS CONDUCTED UNDER THE STATE CYTOLOGY PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM SHALL BE HANDCARRIED, ON SITE AND UNANNOUNCED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE LABORATORY LABORATORIES ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, -- OR -- AN -- ORGANIZATION APPROVED -- BY -- THE -- SECRETARY.~~

~~(4) (3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR DEMONSTRATING SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN THE A STATE CYTOLOGY PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL LABORATORIES ALL CYTOLOGY PERSONNEL IN THE STATE THAT WHO EXAMINE CYTOLOGY SPECIMENS.~~