

~~(I) TO A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING ENFORCEMENT ACTION AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE OR REGULATIONS OR TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY; OR~~

~~(II) TO A PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION OF A REPORT OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY IN REGULATIONS.~~

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(A) IN THIS SECTION~~[,]~~ ~~THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(1)~~ "CLINICAL MATERIAL" MEANS:

~~(1)~~ (1) AN ORGANISM ISOLATED FROM A CLINICAL SPECIMEN;

~~(2)~~ (2) MATERIAL DERIVED OR PREPARED FROM A CLINICAL SPECIMEN IN WHICH EVIDENCE OF A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED OR DETECTED; OR

~~(3)~~ (3) IF THE ORGANISM OR MATERIAL DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) OR (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT AVAILABLE, MATERIAL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED BY THE MEDICAL LABORATORY, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PREFERENCE:

~~1.~~ (I) A PATIENT SPECIMEN;

~~2.~~ (II) ~~NUCLEIC ACID~~ MICROBIAL GENETIC MATERIAL; OR

~~3.~~ (III) OTHER LABORATORY MATERIAL.

~~(2) ["invasive"] "INVASIVE disease" means a disease in which an organism is detected in a specimen taken from a normally sterile body site.~~

(b) (1) [The] EXCEPT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SYSTEM, THE director of a medical laboratory located in this State shall submit a report to the health officer for the county where the laboratory is located [within 48 hours] after an examination of a human specimen shows evidence