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Jeff Benning
President and CEO
Lab Interoperability Cooperative
1212 Berwick Lane
St. Paul, MN 55115

Dear Mr. Benning:

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) is pleased to offer this letter in support of the proposal for the second phase of activities by the Lab Interoperability Cooperative (LIC).

Between 2011 and 2013, the CAP was a partner in the first phase of LIC activities, along with Surescripts and the American Hospital Association. During this period, the LIC was funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with the goal of providing hospital laboratories with assistance in meeting Meaningful Use requirements for electronic laboratory reporting to public health agencies.

The CAP team contributed by offering clinical laboratory expertise, LOINC and SNOMED CT terminology expertise, and educational services focused on ELR for the clinical laboratory. The CAP worked in close collaboration with the LIC leadership throughout the first phase of LIC activities, which achieved and dramatically exceeded the program's goals:

- The program had a target of providing outreach and services to at least 500 hospital laboratories. As of September 2013, LIC services had been provided to more than 1,100 hospital laboratories.
- Services were to include at least 100 Critical Access (CAH) or Rural hospitals. As of September 2013, LIC services had reached more than 360 of these hospitals.

The CAP is committed to the goals and objectives of the LIC and, if appropriate, to providing education services and expert guidance to hospital laboratories as part of the second phase of the LIC. We look forward to continuing to work together with you and your team to promote improved electronic public health reporting for hospital laboratories.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Gleason
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