



**DIVISION OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION**

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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF SANCTIONS  
Against Interventional Pain Institute's CLIA Certificate Number 26D2005035**

**Date**                      **July 11, 2018**  
**Title**                      Notice to the Public of revocation of Interventional Pain Institute's  
CLIA Certificate and Cancellation of Approval to Receive Medicare  
Payments for its Services

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**Notice to Public of Revocation and Cancellation of Approval to Receive Medicare  
Payment of Interventional Pain Institute's CLIA Certificate**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that on June 21, 2018, the Interventional Pain Institute, 1405 N Truman Blvd Festus, MO's CLIA certificate was revoked due to their failure to meet CLIA requirements. In addition, the cancellation its approval to receive Medicare payments for its services became effective June 21, 2018.

The facility has been notified that the CLIA certificate was revoked on June 21, 2018. When a laboratory's CLIA certificate is revoked, it is required to cease all patient laboratory testing, including waived and provider performed microscopy testing and regardless of whether or not the laboratory charges for the testing. In addition, CLIA regulations prohibit the laboratory's owner, Ramis Gheith, M.D., the operator and its director, Steve Howard, from owning, operating, or directing any laboratory for two years from the date of the revocation, or until May 23, 2020. CMS is committed to patient safety and quality of care.

The report of findings associated with this revocation action are available through the Kansas City Regional Office Freedom of Information Officer. Please contact 816 426-2011 for additional information.

As of August 18, 2017, public notice of revocations, suspension, and limitations will be posted on the Survey & Certification website at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Termination-Notices.html>

For more information, please visit <https://www.medicare.gov>. To learn more about the termination process, please visit [www https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/index.html](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/index.html).