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# CMS Manual System

## Pub. 100-07 State Operations Provider Certification

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**SUBJECT: Revisions to Appendix C-Survey Procedures and Interpretive Guidelines for Laboratories and Laboratory Services-Advance Copy**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Revisions have been made to reflect comments and recommendations from regional office and State Agency surveyors, professional and accrediting organizations, other Health and Human Services components, and a GAO audit. Changes have also been made to include partial deletions of certain subsections affected and to reflect the recent publication of regulations and updates in technologies within the field of laboratory medicine.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: September 12, 2025**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 12, 2025**

**Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.**

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)  
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)**

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE</b>
<b>R</b>	493.47 Requirements for a Certificate for Provider-performed microscopy (PPM) procedures.

**III. FUNDING: No additional funding will be provided by CMS: contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY operating budgets.**

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

	<b>Business Requirements</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Manual Instruction</b>
	<b>Confidential Requirements</b>
	<b>One-Time Notification</b>
	<b>Recurring Update Notification</b>

\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.

§493.47 Requirements for a certificate for provider-performed microscopy (PPM) procedures.

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**(a) A certificate for PPM procedures is required-**

**(1) Initially for all laboratories performing test procedures specified as PPM procedures; and**

**(2) For all certificate of waiver laboratories that intend to perform only test procedures specified as PPM procedures in addition to those tests listed in §493.15(c).**

**(b) HHS will issue a certificate for PPM procedures if the laboratory-**

**(1) Complies with the requirements of §493.43; and**

**(2) Remits the fee for the certificate, as specified in subpart F of this part.**

**(c) Laboratories issued a certificate for PPM procedures are subject to-**

**(1) The notification requirements of §493.53;**

**(2) The applicable requirements of this subpart and subparts H, J, K, and M of this part; and**

**(3) Inspection only under the circumstances specified under §§493.1773 and 493.1775, but are not routinely inspected to determine compliance with the requirements specified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section.**

**(d) In accordance with subpart R of this part, HHS will initiate suspension, limitation, or revocation of a laboratory's certificate for PPM procedures for failure to comply with the applicable requirements set forth in this subpart. HHS may also impose certain alternative sanctions. In addition, failure to meet the requirements of this subpart may result in suspension of all or part of payments under Medicare and Medicaid, as specified in subpart R of this part.**

**(e) A certificate for PPM procedures is valid for a period of no more than 2 years.**