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To Whom It May Concern:

The United States Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) maintains a publicly available and searchable database that can be used to search for any laboratory to verify that they have a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate. While the database is maintained by a federal agency, it covers all recognized laboratories in New York State, including those laboratories that are recognized by the New York State Department of Health through their Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program (CLEP). The database can be found at: https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/CLIA_Laboratory_Demographic_Information.

This database should provide sufficient information to determine that an individual has received a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test from a Department of Health approved entity.

Sincerely,

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