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RE: A reminder about the appropriate form to use for all Texas Health Steps specimens submitted to the DSHS Laboratory Services Section (LSS) for testing.

Dear Submitter,

The Laboratory Services Section wants to remind you to use **ONLY** the G-THSTEPS specimen submission form to request testing of specimens collected as part of the Texas Health Steps medical checkup that now includes a requirement for HIV testing.

Enclosed you will find a master copy of the G-THSTEPS specimen submission form and a copy of the form's instructions. Please verify that your submitter information on the specimen submission form is correct and up-to-date. If it is not, please fax a copy of the enclosed form with the corrections to (512) 776-7533.

**Do not use the G-1B** specimen submission form to request testing for specimens collected as part of the Texas Health Steps medical checkup.

If you have questions and/or comments, please contact Susan Hoffpauir at 1-888-963-7111 extension 6030, or email her at [susan.hoffpauir@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:susan.hoffpauir@dshs.state.tx.us). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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