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CAHFS Clients:

I am writing to inform you that effective September 1, 2012, the California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS) will implement a 10 percent fee increase for all tests. The standard necropsy fee for food and fiber animals, which includes gross and histopathology as well as laboratory testing in microbiology, immunology and toxicology as needed to make a diagnosis, will increase from $100 to $120; while maintaining the group discounts for poultry, avian and young (<3 month old) rabbits, ruminants and pigs. Other non-food animal necropsy fees, which are charged at existing higher rates (equine, etc.), will increase 10 percent.

We recognize that fee increases are never welcome news and would like to assure you that CAHFS is committed to continuously improve our testing and cost efficiency. Our goal is to provide high quality, reliable, and cost-effective diagnostics for the industries we serve. The fees were reviewed and approved by the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Board on July 6, 2012.

We appreciate your business and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Director