Agreement for Acceptance of Specimens Collected by Independent Phlebotomists for Laboratory Testing by Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Between:

Nova Scotia Health Authority (“NSHA”)

-and-

Izaak Walton Killam Health Centre (“IWK”)

-and-

___________________________ (the “Supplier”)

WHEREAS the Supplier wishes to have the blood and urine specimens that are collected privately by the Supplier (the “Specimens”) processed, analyzed and result in the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Laboratories within NSHA and the IWK (“NSHA/IWK Laboratories”);

AND WHEREAS the Supplier is an individual or a business, or the employer of an individual, who engages in phlebotomy (collects blood specimens) and obtains urine samples from individuals whose Specimens will be analyzed and result in the NSHA/IWK Laboratories (“Clients”) for the purpose of laboratory testing;

AND WHEREAS NSHA and IWK require certain conditions be met in order to ensure the integrity of Specimens and the accuracy of resultant Client data;

AND WHEREAS the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (“CLSI”) establishes standards for the collection, storage and delivery, and processing of specimens (“CLSI Standards”);

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto covenant and agree with each other as follows:

1.0 NSHA AND IWK RESPONSIBILITIES:

1.1 NSHA and IWK agree to accept Specimens from the Supplier at the NSHA/IWK Laboratories for processing and analyzing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1.2 NSHA and IWK shall maintain a Pathology and Laboratory Medicine website (“Website”) accessible by the Supplier.

1.2.1.1 The Website will support the Supplier by providing information required by the Supplier on how to access:
1.2.1.1 Mandatory laboratory forms to be completed by the Supplier and submitted with the completed Requisitions (as defined in subsection 2.5.1 herein) and Specimens;
1.2.1.2 Applicable NSHA and IWK policies and procedures;
1.2.1.3 A list of all applicable CLSI documents;
1.2.1.4 Contact information in the event that the Supplier seeks additional information related to this Agreement; and
1.2.1.5 Testing site contact information.

1.2.1.2 NSHA and IWK do not warrant the completeness or correctness of the Website. Suppliers shall remain solely responsible for ensuring that they are knowledgeable regarding all applicable NSHA and IWK policies, CLSI Standards and guidelines, updates, forms and other relevant information.

2.0 SUPPLIER RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Strict Compliance & Consequences of Breach

2.1.1 The Supplier shall collect, label, store, package, transport and deliver Specimens in strict accordance with the specifications and procedures set out in section 2.0 “SUPPLIER RESPONSIBILITIES” in this Agreement. The first instance of breach by the Supplier of one or more of its responsibilities in section 2.0 may lead to immediate termination in accordance with subsection 5.1 of this Agreement at the sole discretion of NSHA and/or IWK.

2.2 Specimen Collection & Labeling

2.2.1 The Supplier shall only collect blood and obtain urine Specimens under this Agreement. No other specimen collection or handling is authorized under this Agreement (e.g. stool sample).

2.2.2 The Supplier shall ensure collection of each Specimen follows and meets accepted industry standards for specimen collection as per CLSI Standards.

2.2.3 The Supplier shall comply with all NSHA and IWK policies and procedures relating to the collection of the Specimens.

2.2.4 The Supplier shall label all Specimens in accordance with NSHA and IWK policies to ensure that Client information on the label and Requisition (as defined in subsection 2.5.1 herein) match.
2.2.5 The Supplier shall ensure each Specimen is labeled with a minimum of two (2) pieces of identifying Client information, one of which is a unique identifier.

2.2.6 The Client’s full official name is required on the Specimen label.

2.2.7 The Client’s provincial health card number is the preferred unique identifier although a second alternate piece of identifying information is acceptable if it contains a unique identifier. “Unique identifiers” are as defined in NSHA and IWK policy.

2.2.8 The Supplier shall ensure the time of collection is noted at the time of collection and that it is accurately recorded on the Requisition(s) and on the Specimen label for each Specimen collected.

2.2.9 The Supplier will not perform pre-analytical processing (including centrifugation) on Specimens.

2.3 Specimen Storage, Packaging, Transport & Delivery

2.3.1 The Supplier shall ensure Specimens are delivered to the appropriate receiving location (“Testing Site”) at either the NSHA or IWK Laboratory as specified by the attached Schedule “A” and/or Laboratory policy and procedure.

2.3.1.1 Specimens delivered to an incorrect Testing Site will be rejected.

2.3.2 The Supplier must ensure Specimens are stored, packaged and transported to the Testing Site in accordance with all applicable requirements and standards, including but not limited to:

   i. CLSI standards and guidelines;

   ii. *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, S.C. 1992, c.34* standards and requirements, and those set out in its associated regulations and procedures; and

   iii. NSHA and IWK policies and procedures.

2.3.3 Subject to the exception noted below, all Specimens must be delivered to the Testing Site within ninety (90) minutes of the time of collection.

   2.3.3.1 The delivery time-limit may be less than ninety (90) minutes depending on the time sensitivity, testing requirements and priority


of the test requested. The delivery requirement will be provided with the collection requirements of the specific test. The Website provides information on collection requirements.

2.3.4 Failure by the Supplier to meet the delivery time requirements in subsection 2.3.3 of this Agreement may result in rejection of the Specimen and cancellation of tests/procedures.

2.3.5 The Supplier is solely responsible for knowing the hours of operation of the Testing Site (including any reduced or limited hours of operation for Testing Site acceptance of Specimens set out in this Agreement and Schedules) and must ensure that Specimens are delivered during these hours of operation.

2.3.6 The Supplier shall inform the courier/individual delivering Specimens of:

2.3.6.1 the specialized nature of the shipments (i.e. blood and urine for laboratory testing),

2.3.6.2 the responsibility to maintain Specimen integrity including the importance of meeting the delivery time requirements in clause 2.3.3 of this Agreement, and

2.3.6.3 the responsibility to complete all documentation required at the Testing Site.

2.4 Supplier Training and Competency Requirements

2.4.1 The Supplier warrants that all employees or other persons involved in the collection of Specimens (“Collectors”) have adequate training and ongoing competency to be performing phlebotomy and collection procedures on individuals, which training must be comparable to the training required of NSHA and IWK employees engaged in similar work as the Supplier and its employees.

2.4.2 The Supplier warrants that all Collectors are aware that collection must be performed in accordance with the CLSI Standards for collection of specimens and that failure to adhere to CLSI Standards may result in termination of this Agreement pursuant to subsection 5.1 herein.

2.4.3 The Supplier must maintain documented proof of the training provided to Collectors related to collection, labeling and packaging, and maintain accurate training and competency records of all Collectors and will, on the
request of NSHA or IWK, provide proof of such training and competency and any other written confirmation as requested by NSHA and/or IWK.

2.4.4 The Supplier warrants it has access to the CLSI Standards and has read and understood those Standards. The Supplier warrants that all of its Collectors have read and understand the CLSI Standards.

2.4.5 The Supplier will ensure that all employees, contractors or agents who may be involved in the packaging, transportation and delivery of Specimens have received the training required by Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, S.C. 1992, c.34 and its associated regulations and procedures prior to packaging, transporting or delivering Specimens.

2.4.6 The Supplier warrants that all Collectors will be made aware on an ongoing basis of changes or updates to all CLSI Standards and guidelines and NSHA and IWK policies and procedures.

2.4.7 The Supplier warrants that all errors and incidents of non-compliance with this Agreement are reviewed with employees and persons involved with Specimen collection, packaging, transportation and delivery.

2.5 Requisition Requirements & Additional Forms

2.5.1 Subject only to subsection 2.5.3 herein, Suppliers will ensure each Specimen is accompanied by an original, complete, legible and unaltered Requisition (“Requisition”). Requisitions must be from an Authorized Prescriber/Requestor, as defined in applicable NSHA and IWK policies.

2.5.1.1 The Supplier may submit a photocopy of the original Requisition for Standing Order requests. All other Specimens are to be submitted with the original Requisition.

2.5.1.2 The Supplier is responsible to make photocopies as required, and is not permitted to manually transcribe Requisitions.

2.5.2 A Requisition must contain all of the following information to be considered valid and complete by the Testing Site:

2.5.2.1 full official name of the Client;
2.5.2.2 health card number with valid expiry date;
2.5.2.3 date of birth;
2.5.2.4 Authorized Prescriber/Requestor name and required information as defined by Testing Site registration procedures (may include: telephone number, Provincial Medical Board number (PMB) and/or full mailing address)
2.5.2.5 collection date and time (accurate collection information is required and must be recorded by the Collector at the time of collection);
2.5.2.6 valid telephone number where the Client can be reached during the 12 hours after Specimen delivery;
2.5.2.7 full mailing address associated with required third party billing;
2.5.2.8 Collector ID, which identifies the Supplier and the individual Collector;
2.5.2.9 Collector’s complete and legible signature;
2.5.2.10 Client information relevant to testing (fasting, drugs, etc.);
and,
2.5.2.11 all additional information that may be required by NSHA and/or IWK policies and Testing Site registration procedures.

2.5.3 Notwithstanding subsection 2.5.1 herein, the Supplier is permitted to add to the Requisition any required information listed in clause 2.5.2 that may be missing from the Requisition to ensure it is complete before delivery of the Specimen to the Testing Site, and the Supplier is permitted to add a verbal test request under the direction of the Authorized Prescriber/Requestor. The verbal request must be documented on the Requisition (date, time, test and name of Authorized Prescriber/Requestor) and initialed by the Supplier.

2.5.4 Supplier shall not materially change the original Requisition. A “material change” for the purposes of this subsection includes any change whatsoever not specifically permitted or authorized pursuant to subsection 2.5.3 of this Agreement. For greater clarity consequences to a Supplier for making a material change to the Requisition may include immediate termination of this Agreement at the option of NSHA and/or IWK in accordance with section 5.1 herein.

2.5.5 Mandatory forms regarding specific laboratory tests that accompany the Requisition must be completed by the Supplier and submitted with the Requisition and Specimens.

2.5.6 Original Requisitions requesting standing orders must be returned to the Client, not retained on file by the Supplier.

2.6 Mandatory Information Supplier to provide NSHA and IWK

2.6.1 Upon request of NSHA and/or IWK, the Supplier will confirm compliance with section 2.0 of this Agreement.
2.6.2 The Supplier must submit to NSHA and IWK proof of its ability to access relevant CLSI Standards and guidelines, including updates to CLSI Standards and guidelines applicable to the collection, labeling, storage, packaging and transportation of laboratory specimens.

2.6.3 The Supplier must provide NSHA and IWK with an active email address where the Supplier can receive information, such as notifications and audit reports.

   2.6.3.1 The Supplier is responsible for reviewing all material and information sent to the email address provided, and will notify NSHA and IWK immediately if the email address changes.

   2.6.3.2 When requested, the Supplier shall acknowledge receipt of email notices that are in relation to non-compliance with the Agreement by return email.

2.6.4 The Supplier must provide NSHA and IWK with its current business operations and employee information (“Business Information”) to complete the form attached hereto as Schedule “A”. This form requires that the Supplier provide a complete list of all current Business Information, including legal business name as registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies, hours of operation and location, and a complete list of employees, contractors or agents who may be involved in the collection, storage or transportation of Specimens.

2.6.5 During the Initial Term and any Renewal Term(s) of this Agreement, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with this Agreement, the Supplier agrees to update NSHA and IWK with respect to any changes to its business information, being any of the information provided on Schedule “A” attached hereto (“Business Information”). The Supplier understands that such changes amount to a proposed amendment to the Agreement, requiring written approval and acceptance by NSHA and IWK.

   2.6.5.1 The Supplier agrees to request changes to its Business Information by submitting the required Form. All requests are subject to NSHA and IWK written approval and will be assessed in light of Testing Site operational requirements/limitations, and applicable NSHA and/or IWK policies and CSLI Standards and guidelines.
2.7 Collector identification and Location Identification

2.7.1 The Supplier must obtain a Location Identifier (“Location ID”) for each of the Supplier’s collection locations (Location IDs are supplied by NSHA and IWK during the application process).

2.7.1.1 Suppliers collecting Specimens in Clients’ homes are to identify “Home Collections” as a distinct location to be used any time a collection is performed in a Client’s home. Long-term care facility collections are NOT grouped under “Home Collections”.

2.7.1.2 Each Long-term care facility will be assigned a single Location ID and all Clients from whom Specimens are collected at that facility are to be grouped under that facility’s Location ID.

2.7.2 The Supplier must assign an individual Collector identifier (“Collector ID”) for each of the Supplier’s individual Collectors, prior to any collection by the individual Collector. Collector IDs are not transferable between Collectors.

2.7.3 Suppliers who are identified as a long-term care facility with more than six (6) nurse Collectors who are employees at that facility will be issued a “Facility Collector ID”.

2.8 Non-compliance and Adverse Event Reporting

2.8.1 The Supplier will immediately notify the appropriate contact at the Testing Site if the Supplier becomes aware of any adverse event information related to the collection, packaging or transporting of Specimens. Contact information for such notifications will be available on the Website.

2.8.2 The Supplier will immediately notify NSHA and IWK in writing if it becomes aware of any incidence of non-compliance or breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3.0 Notices

3.1 Any notices required to be given pursuant to this Agreement will be given by email or facsimile as permitted below:

Notices will be sent to:
Shauna Thompson,
Senior Director, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
Nova Scotia Health Authority
Fax: 902-465-1259
shauna.thompson@nshealth.ca

Leota Dickey,
Director of Laboratory Operations
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine,
IWK Health Centre
Fax: 902-470-7888
Leota.Dickey@iwk.nshealth.ca

4.0 Term

4.1 This Agreement shall be effective from the date of last signature to this Agreement, until April 1, 201__ (“Initial Term”).

4.2 This Agreement may be renewed upon mutual written consent of the parties for up to two (2) additional terms of one (1) year each (“Renewal Term(s)”), with the renewal date commencing on April 1st of the given year.

4.2.1 To initiate renewal of the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term, the Supplier must submit a complete Request for Renewal Form, attached hereto as Schedule “B”, at least thirty (30) days before the end of the then-term.

5.0 Termination

5.1 NSHA and/or IWK shall have cause for immediate termination of this Agreement, notice of which shall be delivered to the Supplier, upon the happening of one or more of the following events:

5.1.1 NSHA and/or IWK has determined in its sole discretion that the Supplier has failed to act in accordance with the specifications and/or procedures for the collection, labeling, storage, packaging, transport and/or delivery of Specimens as set out this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing examples of failures warranting immediate termination for cause at the option of NSHA and/or IWK include:

5.1.1.1 Failure to meet established delivery time requirements, whether the standard ninety (90) minute time-limit, or a reduced delivery time-limit as described more fully in subsection 2.3.3 herein;
5.1.1.2 Supplier performance of pre-analytical processing (including centrifugation) on Specimens;
5.1.1.3 Failure by the Supplier or its employees (including without limitation Collectors) to adhere to CLSI collection standards;
5.1.1.4 Failure by the Supplier to obtain prior approval from NSHA and IWK of any changes to its Business Information or other business or operational changes relevant to this Agreement;
5.1.1.5 Supplier makes a material change to the original Requisition including but not limited to changes in:

   5.1.1.5.1 Priority level of the test results;
   5.1.1.5.2 Adding or changing the specific tests requested by the Authorized Prescriber/Requester;
   5.1.1.5.3 Changing the Authorized Prescriber/Requester; or
   5.1.1.5.4 Adding additional physicians or care providers.

5.2 Either party shall be at liberty to terminate this Agreement for convenience at any time before the expiry of the Initial Term or a Renewal Term upon the giving of thirty (30) days written Notice to the other party

5.3 Failure of the Supplier to submit a Request for Renewal Form pursuant to subsection 4.2.1 herein shall result in automatic termination of this Agreement.

5.4 For greater clarity, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary, where NSHA and/or IWK reasonably suspect(s) the Supplier of non-compliance with one or more terms or conditions of this Agreement, such as if the Supplier provides NSHA and/or IWK with false information relating to the Supplier or its business operations and/or employees, Specimen collection times, or otherwise, NSHA and/or IWK may, in its sole discretion, upon giving written notice to the Supplier, terminate for cause the whole or any part of this Agreement, either immediately, or at the expiration of a cure period (the duration of which shall be specified in the Notice), if the Supplier has not cured the non-compliance to the satisfaction of NSHA and/or IWK within that cure period.

6.0 Privacy and Confidentiality.

6.1 The Supplier shall keep private, treat as confidential, and not make public or divulge during as well as after the Initial Term and any Renewal Term(s) of this Agreement, any information or material to which the Supplier, its directors, officers, employees, independent suppliers, subcontractors, members, partners, volunteers, agents, and assigns become privy as a result of acting under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of NSHA and IWK.
6.2 All personal health information collected, used, disclosed, retained and destroyed under this Agreement shall be done in accordance with the requirements of all provincial and federal legislation including the Nova Scotia Personal Health Information Act, 2010, c.41 and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. 1993, c.5, as such apply to the collection, use, disclosure, storage, retention and transfer of personal health information.

7.0 Test results & Records.

7.1 Any Specimen test results generated as a result of the services provided under this Agreement are under the custody and control of the NSHA and IWK (as applicable), and will be communicated directly to the requesting Authorized Prescriber/Requestor noted on the Requisition (or to the Client where appropriate) in keeping with NSHA and IWK policies and practices and the terms of this Agreement, but shall not be disclosed to the Supplier. All Specimens, Requisitions and associated forms received from the Supplier become the sole property of NSHA and/or IWK.

8.0 Insurance

8.1 The Supplier hereby represents and warrants that it holds sufficient Commercial General Liability (CGL) and professional liability insurance to cover its own acts and omissions and those of its employees and agents, as applicable.

8.2 Upon request, the Supplier agrees to provide NSHA and/or IWK with a Certificate of Insurance.

9.0 Indemnification & Liability

9.1 The Supplier shall indemnify and save harmless NSHA and IWK and their affiliates, officers, employees, contractors, authorized prescribers, directors and agents from and against all claims, damages, actions, cause of actions, and expenses (including without limitation reasonable legal fees and disbursements) occasioned by, or attributable to, any act or omission of the Supplier or its employee(s), agent(s), or contractor(s) in connection with this Agreement.

10.0 Independent Contractor Relationship

10.1 NSHA and IWK and the Supplier are each independent parties and nothing in this Agreement constitutes any party as the employer, principal, agent, or partner of any other party. The Supplier does not have any authority to assume or create any obligation or liability, either expressed or implied, on behalf of NSHA or IWK. No employee, agent or contractor of the Supplier shall be considered an employee of NSHA or IWK.
10.2 The Supplier will ensure all employees and agents engaged in the collection and/or transportation and/or in any other way with the Specimens in connection with this Agreement are at all times clearly identified as employees of Supplier, both at the Supplier’s collection site and at the Testing Site at the time of delivery.

11.0 Miscellaneous

11.1 The Supplier warrants that all employees and agents of the Supplier have reviewed and understand the terms of this Agreement and will comply with this Agreement.

11.2 NSHA and IWK may change, restrict or limit their laboratory hours and Testing Sites available to receive and process Specimens for operational requirement reasons, including but not limited to workforce disruptions, workload, and laboratory capacity issues or concerns. Notification of such changes, restrictions or limitations will be promptly communicated to the Supplier.

11.3 NSHA and IWK reserve the right to verify collection information and/or Client information by contacting the Client directly and reserve the right to investigate suspected Supplier non-compliance with this Agreement including contacting Clients as they in their sole discretion deem appropriate.

11.4 NSHA and IWK will directly respond to and follow-up on any Client concerns or complaints, or any adverse event information or general complaint they receive regarding the Supplier’s collection of Specimens or operations generally. NSHA and IWK will notify the Supplier if either party is in receipt of such client complaint, or receives a report of an adverse event.

11.5 This Agreement, and the Schedules attached hereto, form the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

11.6 This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Nova Scotia.

11.7 Neither Party may sell, assign, encumber, licence or otherwise transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.

11.8 This Agreement binds and ensures to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and permitted assigns.

11.9 The signatories to this Agreement hereby warrant that their respective principals and that the person signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party has been properly authorized and empowered.
11.10 This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A copy of a signed counterpart may be delivered by facsimile, PDF email, or other electronic means that shows a reproduction of the signature and such shall be considered a complete delivery of a signed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY

__________________________
Shauna Thompson, Senior Director
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

__________________________
Date

IZAAK WALTON KILLAM HEALTH CENTRE

__________________________
Leota Dickey, Director of Lab Operations
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

__________________________
Date

SUPPLIER:__________________________

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Name and Title:

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Date
SCHEDULE “A”
Agreement for Acceptance of Specimens for Laboratory Testing

I. SUPPLIER INFORMATION

- Name of Supplier:
  (Business name as registered with Registry of Joint Stock Companies)
  Business owner(s)

  Signature(s)  ______________________________________

- Full Mailing Address:

- Name of Contact Person:
  Telephone number:
  Fax:
  Email (mandatory)

II. SUPPLIER Location and Hours of Operation

Indicate below where collection service is located and operational information including days and hours of service. This must be completed for each location. Home collections must be identified as a separate location.

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Supplier warrants the business location(s) and hours of operation information provided above is accurate and complete. In accordance with section 12.3 of the Agreement, Supplier acknowledges and understands the ability of NSHA and/or IWK to continue to accept Specimens at the Supplier’s approved days, hours and Testing Sites is dependent on the relevant Testing Site’s operational requirements and is subject to change.

Supplier Signature: ____________________ Date:____________________
III. SUPPLIER’S Employee/Contractor/Agent Information

The following is a complete list of employees, contractors or agents of the Supplier who may be involved in the collection, storage, and transportation of Specimens as required by the Agreement.

The signature of each employee, contractor or agent is acknowledgment that the person has read, understood and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Agreement.

By signing this form, each employee, contractor or agent consents to the collection of the information contained in this form by the NSHA and/or the IWK for the purpose of ensuring the integrity of Specimens processed by NSHA and the IWK, and expressly consents to the use and disclosure of that information by NSHA and the IWK in any manner deemed reasonable by NSHA and/or the IWK.

The assigned Collector/Phlebotomist username(s). Usernames must be provided on the laboratory Requisition to be entered into the laboratory information system. Usernames are unique to each location and each individual collector/phlebotomist working with the Supplier at that location as further described in this Agreement.

Supplier Employees involved in Collection and Packaging:

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I hereby acknowledge that listed above is a complete list of contractors/employees involved in collection and packaging.

Supplier Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

Long Term Care Facility (greater than 6 nurse collectors)

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I hereby acknowledge that listed above is a complete list of employees/contractors/agents involved in transportation of laboratory samples.

Supplier Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________

Supplier to attach proof of purchase (receipt) of CLSI standards/guidelines, or proof of access to current CLSI standards/guidelines (member of CSMLS)

Supplier warrants *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, S.C. 1992, c.34* training completed for all employees, contractors or agents (as defined in subsection 2.4.5):

Supplier Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________

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SCHEDULE “B”

Request for Renewal of Agreement

Renewal Agreement for Acceptance of Specimens Collected by Independent Phlebotomists for Laboratory Testing by Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (the “Renewal Agreement”)

Between:

Nova Scotia Health Authority ("NSHA")

- And –

Izaak Walton Killam Health Centre ("IWK")

- And -

_______________________ (the "Supplier")

WHEREAS NSHA, IWK and the Supplier entered into an Agreement dated ______________ for the acceptance by NSHA and IWK of specimens collected by the Supplier for laboratory testing; and

WHEREAS the Supplier wishes to continue to have blood and urine specimens which it collects privately processed and analyzed and resulted by the Laboratories that comprise the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine within NSHA and the IWK.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF in exchange for the mutual consideration described herein the Parties agree to continue to be bound by the terms of the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term commencing upon the date of signatures affixed below:

SUPPLIER

_______________________

Name and Title ___________________________ Date

NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY

_______________________

Shauna Thompson, Senior Director
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine ___________________________ Date

IZAAK WALTON KILLAM HEALTH CENTRE

_______________________

Leota Dickey, Director of Lab Operations
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine ___________________________ Date