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To: ISU VDL Clientele  
Date: July 18, 2014  
From: Rodger Main, ISU VDL Director of Operations  
Subject: Update - USDA's SECD Testing Reimbursement

The ISU VDL has recently received confirmation that USDA will reimburse the VDL for the PEDV and PEDV PCR testing conducted on case submissions originating from farm sites (*see USDA message below*) retroactive to the effective date (June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014) of USDA's Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) Federal Order.

Thus, the ISU VDL is now working to credit its client's accounts for the PEDV and PDCoV PCR testing fees on case submissions originating from **farm sites** that were received and tested on or after June 5, 2014. These credits will be applied on a case by case basis to the VDL client's account, and will become evident on VDL clients' September billing statement from the ISU VDL. We ask for your patience as we transition our internal procedures associated with these changes and retrospectively apply these credits in the coming weeks.

It seems likely that the USDA may refine the limits (e.g. maximum number of tests per case or premises) and/or requirements of the submissions to be eligible for PEDV and PDCoV PCR testing reimbursement in the future. We will continue to communicate and make our clients aware as we know more.

If you have any specific questions or concerns relating to the content in this update, please don't hesitate to give either Dr. Katie Woodard (VDL Client Outreach and Education) or myself (Rodger Main) a call at the ISU VDL (515-294-1950).

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Message from USDA concerning intent to reimburse NAHLN VDL's for PEDV and PDCoV PCR testing conducted and reported on qualify submissions:

“USDA will pay for diagnostic testing to support the initial diagnosis of PEDV and PDCoV in swine herds and the herd monitoring and management plans of herds meeting the USDA's case definition, regardless of the test result (positive and negative results). Samples submitted to NAHLN laboratories from farm sites located in the United States for PEDV and PDCoV testing will be paid for by the USDA through blanket purchase agreements to the NAHLN laboratories. These samples may include animal samples or environmental samples which are linked to specific farm sites and live pigs. Currently the USDA will only support diagnostic testing using PCR. Support for other diagnostic assays will be considered in the future.

Approved sample types for PEDV and PDCoV PCR testing eligible for reimbursement include:

- Intestines
- Feces
- Fecal Swabs
- Oral Fluids
- Environmental Samples (specifically associated with a farm site and live pigs)

Samples submitted from truck washes, trucks, trailers, other transport vehicles, feed, feed mills, and other non-farm site samples including those submitted for research purposes will not be paid for by the USDA.” (End of USDA quote)

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