



August 24, 2020

The Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

In light of the department's recent announcement modifying the role of FDA oversight for SARS laboratory developed tests (LDT), the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) respectfully requests that you take action to ensure continued reimbursement for such tests conducted by CLIA laboratories. ASM is a global society dedicated to the advancement of the microbial sciences and composed of 30,000 scientists and health practitioners. Thousands of ASM's members are on the front line