## PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR CYTOLOGY PROFICIENCY TESTING (PT)

## Cytotechnologists - Newly Certified by ASCP

- New graduates of schools of cytotechnology who have taken the Certification
  Examination in Cytotechnology administered by the American Society for
  Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Registry (BOR) and obtained a passing score
  have demonstrated an initial competency level in the examination of cervical
  cytology. These newly certified individuals will <u>not</u> be monitored for PT by CMS
  throughout the calendar year in which they passed their ASCP BOR Examination.
- New graduates of schools of cytotechnology who are employed, have taken the Certification Examination in Cytotechnology administered by the ASCP BOR, but have <u>not</u> obtained a passing score are required to participate in a CMSapproved Cytology Proficiency Testing Program.

## **Pathologists – Newly Board Certified**

- Anatomic pathologists who are newly certified by the American Board of Pathology or the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology have demonstrated an initial level of competency interpreting cervical cytology by passing this examination. These newly board certified individuals will not be monitored for PT by CMS throughout the calendar year in which they became board certified in Anatomic Pathology.
- Cytopathologists who receive added qualification in Cytopathology from the American Board of Pathology or the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology have demonstrated competency interpreting cervical cytology by passing this examination. These newly board certified individuals will not be monitored for PT by CMS throughout the calendar year in which they became board certified in Cytopathology.

#### **Residents and Fellows**

- Anatomic pathology residents are not required to participate in a CMS-approved Cytology PT Program. Pathology residents are under the constant supervision of fully licensed physicians and are not responsible for the final diagnosis of cervical cytology specimens.
- Anatomic pathology fellows whose responsibilities in the cytology laboratory include the examination and final diagnosis of gynecologic specimens must enroll and participate in a CMS-approved Cytology PT program each calendar year.

# All Other Cytotechnologists and Pathologists

• All other individuals subject to Cytology PT must enroll and be tested during each calendar year.