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**POLICY ON HIV SCREENING TEST FOR MEDICAL TESTING LABORATORIES**

**1. Introduction**

This circular provides supplementary requirement on accreditation of virology testing laboratories related to HIV screening examination based on *Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia Bilangan 1/2011- Carta Alir Ujian Saringan dan Pengesahan HIV* dated 28 February 2011.

This circular shall be read in conjunction with the STR 2.6 - Specific Technical Requirements for Accreditation of Medical Microbiology (Virology) Laboratories.

**2. Scope**

This circular applies to the medical testing laboratories performing HIV screening examination for laboratories accredited by Standards Malaysia, applicant laboratories and those intending to apply for accreditation under SAMM.

**3. Implementation**

*Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia Bilangan 1/2011- Carta Alir Ujian Saringan dan Pengesahan HIV* is a mandatory guideline for healthcare setting such as clinics, hospitals, medical institutes, HIV screening centers (government and private) that handle screening and confirmation test for HIV. However, this *Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia Bilangan 1/2011* is **not applicable** for FOMEMA panel laboratories as foreign worker is not listed in its target groups.

The effective date of SAMM Circular 1/2016 is on **10 April 2016**.