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**Statement from the American Clinical Laboratory Association on  
the announcement by CMS of Appointees to the Advisory Panel on  
Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests**

The American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) is pleased that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has appointed two representatives from ACLA member laboratories to the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests, Dr. Curt Hanson and Dr. Kandice Kottke-Marchant. Dr. Hanson, also a member of the ACLA Board of Directors, is a Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at Mayo Clinic, the Chief Medical Officer for Mayo Medical Laboratories (MML) and provides overall leadership and strategic direction for MML. Dr. Kottke-Marchant is Chair of the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic.

ACLA member companies have a direct stake in how CMS undertakes reform of Medicare's Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS). We appreciate the leadership of both Drs. Hanson and Kottke-Marchant, and their work with their respective organizations, both of which are recognized consistently for excellence in health care and the value they bring to payors,

We hope CMS will give serious consideration to the viewpoints and policy positions advanced by the lab community as the Advisory Panel convenes.

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