

FDA and CMS Joint Statement regarding LDT Oversight

See: *FDA and CMS: Americans Deserve Accurate and Reliable Diagnostic Tests, Wherever They Are Made*
| FDA

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Of particular importance is the joint statement from CMS and FDA that CLIA should not have oversight of test development. Specifically, this part of the statement reads:

“Some have suggested that concerns with LDTs should be addressed through expansion of CLIA. This is not the answer. As was stated in our 2015 [testimony](#), CMS does not have the expertise to assure that tests work; the FDA does. Moreover, establishing a duplicative system for the oversight of tests by expanding CLIA would create more government bureaucracy and inconsistencies. That makes no sense.”

Testimony link: [https://urldefense.com/v3/https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-examining-the-regulation-of-diagnostic-tests-and-laboratory ;!!NHLzug!LFmclY4fAM7ewQT5gXUPqYE67PHWYYqSxiQMzrz1RFg-vYkJ07uypAFYbZ_LDz3krk1d5q5ZoyZqcjCZDyBk8umKMixQjQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://democrats-energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-examining-the-regulation-of-diagnostic-tests-and-laboratory)