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Community Blood Centers

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To: Directors of Transfusion Services and Blood Bank Supervisors

Subject: FDA Licensed Grifols Procleix Zika Virus Assay

Beginning December 3rd, LifeSouth Community Blood Center's contract donor testing laboratory will test all blood donations for Zika virus using the FDA licensed Grifols Procleix Zika Virus Assay. Previously, Zika virus donor testing was performed under an Investigational New Drug protocol. As part of the switch to an FDA licensed Zika virus test, LifeSouth blood component labels will no longer include the "Negative for Zika Virus by Investigational NAT" statement in the lower right quadrant of the label.

The *Circular of Information for the Use of Human Blood and Blood Components* available on the LifeSouth website (<http://lifesouth.org/hospitals/#circular-hospital-notifications>) includes language regarding Zika virus testing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lori Masingil, Vice President of Quality, at 352.224.1679 or lbm@lifesouth.org.

