



INFORMATION NOTICE 2018-01
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Accrediting Body Transition

The State of Iowa will be transitioning all Accrediting Body (AB) responsibilities to the American College of Radiology (ACR). This transition will be completed by 11/30/2019.

The State of Iowa will remain a Certifying Agency (CA) to include all inspection and certification processes.

The State of Iowa will continue to authorize all mammography facilities located in Iowa.

IDPH is issuing this notice to inform mammography facilities of the State of Iowa's transition of AB responsibilities to the ACR. This transition will gradually occur in order to align with the strategic plan of our bureau. This advanced notice will allow facilities time for budgetary planning prior to the transition. This change will be completed by 11/30/2019.

IDPH mammography program staff will provide individual instruction to facilities on the transition process to the ACR when appropriate. Appropriateness will be based on the MQSA certificate expiration date.

Facilities with MQSA certificates expiring before 2/28/2019:

- May re-accredit with the State of Iowa or ACR, to be completed by their expiration date.
- Any facility that re-accredits with the State of Iowa will be required to transition to the ACR on 11/30/2019.

Facilities with MQSA certificates expiring 3/1/2019 and beyond:

- Will be required to re-accredit with the ACR, to be completed by their expiration date.

As a CA, the State of Iowa will continue to annually inspect all mammography facilities as well as complete all certification processes.

The State of Iowa will also continue to authorize all mammography facilities located in Iowa. Previously, this function was combined with accreditation if the State of Iowa was the AB for the facility. If the ACR is currently the AB for a facility, the authorization process will not change.

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For more information on accrediting with the ACR and their fees, please refer to their website at <https://www.acraccreditation.org/modalities/mammography>