PJLA Update Notification

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Update Notification Revised Release Date: 5/29/25
Form/Procedure/Policy: Update to PJLA Policy PL-4

Attention All Applicant and Accredited Organizations:

<mark>PJLA has revised the implementation and effective date of the PL-4 policy to July 1, 2025.</mark>

PL-4 Scope of Accreditation Policy. Please note this is a mandatory policy that all conformity assessment bodies (Laboratories (Testing, Calibration, Medical Testing) Inspection Bodies, Proficiency Testing Providers and Reference Material Producers shall follow. Below is a summary of changes and implementation date.

PL-4-Scope of Accreditation Policy -Effective July 1, 2025

The document has been **reorganized and simplified** to improve clarity for CABs and assessors. Key updates include:

- Clarified style guide for more consistent scope formatting – see Section 3.0, in response to ongoing scope review issues
- Added flexible scope requirements for ISO/IEC 17025 calibration scopes in alignment with ILAC G18
- Clarified definitions of flexible scopes and included examples of fixed and flexible scope formats
- Simplified flexible scope requirements for RMPs
- Updated medical scopes to reference the applicable conformity assessment activity
- Revised the field of test definitions to distinguish between Environmental Analysis and Environmental Simulation. This update corrects previous use of "Environmental" on mechanical scopes performing testing in or of environmental chambers, which did not meet the original PL-4 definition for environmental testing
- Updated ISO 15189 fields and subfields to align with CLIA terminology
- Added information for ISO/IEC 17065 product certification scopes
- Introduced code F0 to identify fixed scope items for all applicable standards where flexibility is allowed

Starting **July 1, 2025**, scopes of accreditation will be edited during scope expansion assessments or reassessments to comply with the new requirements outlined in PL-4.

Thank you!