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Senate Bill 108 (SB 108) passed: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2018RS/bills/sb/sb0108T.pdf>

SB 108 will be enacted on July 1, 2018. The bill eliminates expiration dates of licenses and associated fees regarding the renewal of licenses and permits of behavioral health programs, facilities, medical laboratories, tissue banks and health care facilities, set by the Secretary of Health. The non-expiring licenses will not affect on-site surveys and investigations. There will be no need to re-apply. Additionally, the initial and renewal fees associated with the various licenses has been eliminated.

This State action does not affect renewals of CLIA permits required by CMS. Laboratories in the CLIA program will be required to renew their permits with CMS biannually to maintain State licensure

Licensees effected by this bill will receive a new license in the mail within the next couple of weeks. This new license will have an issue date of July 1, 2018. It will also indicate that it is non-expiring. Licensees have the responsibility to insure that their contact information is kept current by submitting any changes as they occur to the appropriate unit contact.

Please notify OHCQ if you do not receive a new license. If you have any additional questions you can contact Margie Heald, Deputy Director of Federal Programs, at 410-402-8101 or Carol Fenderson, Deputy Director of State Programs, at 443-766-9201.