Eligibility Determination for Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP) Option

Does your state/jurisdiction allow for use of an IQCP to reduce the frequency of daily external quality control?

- **NO**
  - **Ineligible for IQCP**: Follow QC requirements in state regulations and default CAP QC requirements

- **YES**
  - What is the complexity of the test?
    - **WAIVED**
      - **Ineligible for IQCP**: Follow manufacturer’s QC instructions and CAP Checklist requirements for waived testing
    - **NONWAIVED**
      - Is the test under the CMS specialty of Anatomic Pathology (ANP) or Cytopathology (CYP), not including tests that can be assigned to other CMS specialties?*
        - **NO**
          - Ineligible for IQCP: Follow default CAP QC requirements
        - **YES**
          - Does the test involve the use of microbiology media or panels used for microbial identification (with 2 or more substrates) or susceptibility testing?
            - **NO**
              - Ineligible for IQCP: Follow default CAP QC requirements
            - **YES**
              - Do the manufacturer’s instructions allow for external quality materials to be run less frequently than the default** CLIA and CAP QC frequency?
                - **NO**
                  - Ineligible for IQCP: Follow default CAP QC requirements
                - **YES**
                  - Eligible for IQCP: Follow Checklist requirements for IQCP

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* ANP or CYP tests are ineligible for IQCP unless the testing can be billed under another CMS specialty.
** The default CAP QC frequency for external quality control materials is as follows:
  1) Quantitative tests - two controls at different concentrations each day of patient testing, except for Coagulation tests (two levels every eight hours) and Blood Gas testing (one level every eight hours)
  2) Qualitative tests – positive and negative controls each day of patient testing.