



1 urged to test the patient for chronic kidney disease by  
2 referring the patient for a routine clinical laboratory  
3 assessment of the patient's kidney functions, unless the  
4 patient refuses such testing.

5 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 483.181,  
6 Florida Statutes, to read:

7 483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and  
8 examination of specimens.--

9 (6) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part  
10 that tests a specimen to determine a patient's serum  
11 creatinine level, as ordered or prescribed by a practitioner  
12 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, shall calculate the  
13 patient's glomerular filtration rate using the information  
14 provided by the physician or the patient, as applicable. The  
15 laboratory shall include the patient's glomerular filtration  
16 rate in its report to the physician.

17 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.  
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