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To: X-Ray and Mammography Registrants
From: Bernard Bevill, Radiation Control Section Chief 
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Subject: Additional Extension of Physicist Surveys for Mammography Facilities Due to COVID-19

With the continuance of facility restrictions due to the ongoing pandemic, The Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted an additional extension for mammography facilities in which the annual medical physicist surveys falls in the period that the public health emergency related to COVID-19 remains in effect and the **previous** medical physicist survey date fell on or after **January 1, 2019**.

The FDA does not intend to object to a facility's completion of the annual survey requirement beyond the time period of "at least once per year" where the facility has the mammography unit(s) surveyed as soon as possible, ideally within six (6) months of the 14-month date calculated from the date of the previous survey, and has documented and/or submitted certain information related to the survey delay and the public health emergency.

The FDA is aware that some facilities may not have had an annual survey in the last 20 months. Those facilities are encouraged to contact the MQSA Hotline as soon as possible to discuss the facility's planned survey timeframes.

If you have any questions regarding this information notice, please do not hesitate to contact Kayla Dailey, X-Ray/Mammography Program Manager (501) 661-2801 or via e-mail to Kayla.Dailey@arkansas.gov.