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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 within the time period of *January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020*.

The FDA has automatically granted a six (6) month extension (from the recommended 14-month timeframe) to complete the survey. For example, for a facility that received its last annual medical physicist survey on January 16, 2019, the current physicist survey would have been due anytime during the period of January 16, 2020 to March 16, 2020. This extension allows the annual survey to be performed as late as September 16, 2020. The facility would not be considered noncompliant for exceeding the FDA's recommended 14-month timeframe if the current survey was completed by September 16, 2020.

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