

ERP Charge Questions

The ELAP Expert Review Panel has been tasked with answering the following charge questions:

1. What should the State's role be in the accreditation process? Are the philosophies, objectives and scope of ELAP clearly defined? Are they appropriate? Does ELAP have the capacity to support the program?
2. How can California's accreditation standards be improved?
3. What should California's approach be to recognizing accreditation by other states, national entities or private accreditation services? Should California rejoin NELAP?
4. How can ELAP's laboratory inspection program be made more robust? What are the appropriate qualifications for auditor/inspector team members in each of the specialty areas that ELAP certifies laboratories?
5. How can California improve its proficiency testing program for quantifying laboratory quality?
6. How can California improve its process for responding to concerns expressed by:
a) laboratories that have concerns about the certification process, or b) clients who have concerns about the quality of a laboratory that has been certified by ELAP?
7. How should ELAP plan for future programmatic, testing and management needs?
8. Which program improvements are most urgent and can be accomplished within existing resources and authorities? Which are the highest-priority, longer-term program improvements?