

**Executive Director's Memo  
2002-05**

**TO:** All Athletic Commission Personnel  
and Licensees of the Commission

**FROM:** Charles DeRienzo

**DATE:** March 13, 2002

**SUBJECT:** **Required Blood Tests for Boxing Matches**

Blood must be drawn five (5) days in advance of a card in order for the New York State Athletic Commission to have results in time for the match. No match will be approved unless this requirement is met. (See below for exceptions.)

The New York State Athletic Commission has contracted with Quest Labs for the analysis of blood. The New York State Athletic Commission pays for these tests; therefore, boxers having their pre-fight medicals done will use the services of Quest Labs.

Out of state boxers will call 1-800-225-7483 for Quest Lab locations and have their blood drawn at the local Quest Lab at least five days prior to a card.

In the event that a Quest Lab does not operate in the area where an out of state boxer resides, that boxer may use another licensed lab to draw and analyze the blood. The boxer then would incur the cost of those tests and not be reimbursed by New York State.

The results of the out of state lab must be received by the New York State Athletic Commission three days prior to weigh-in.

If an out of state boxer has had the medical tests done in his home state or the state in which he has last fought, the New York State Athletic Commission will accept those tests from the State Commission where the bout took place if they meet the New York State requirements.

Requests for exceptions to this rule will be submitted in writing to the Executive Director or Counsel to the Commission. All determinations of those requested exceptions will be in writing.