

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CLINICAL LABORATORY EVALUATION PROGRAM**

**Proposed Blood Services Standard
Comment Period: March 13, 2018 to May 1, 2018**

<i>Blood Services</i>	
Standard	Guidance
<p>Blood Services Standard 2 (BS S2)</p> <p>Facilities utilizing software devices to assist in positive patient identification for the production of specimen collection labels at the patient's bedside and the positive identification and matching of recipients to their intended blood product must ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The use of a secondary bar-coded identifier in the system configuration is mandatory;b) Blood specimens are collected only after the software-generated bar-coded blood bank identification band is placed on the patient;c) Both the hospital and blood bank identification bands must be scanned during the patient identification process;<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. If automated scanning mechanisms fail or if the bar-coded blood bank identification band is removed from the patient for any reason, the facility must use an alternate method of positive patient identification and blood component identification, prior to initiating the transfusion, that includes two-person verification.	