
CHAPTER 27: INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES

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The Medicaid Independent Laboratories Program provides payment for medically necessary clinical laboratory services provided in independent laboratories. An independent laboratory is a freestanding laboratory that is independent of both the ordering provider, the hospital where other services are rendered, or both.

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the conditions and requirements that independent laboratories must meet to qualify for reimbursement from Louisiana Medicaid. For laboratory services conducted in providers' offices, providers should refer to the corresponding section in the "Professional Services" chapter. For hospital laboratory services, providers should refer to the corresponding sections in the "Hospital Services" chapter.