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**CHAPTER 27: INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES**

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**PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS**

To enroll in Louisiana Medicaid, independent laboratories must be licensed and certified by the appropriate licensing agency, must adhere to all state and federal laws and regulations, and must meet Medicare/Medicaid participation requirements.

Independent laboratories must also be certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvements Act (CLIA). Independent Laboratories are limited to billing the laboratory services that they are CLIA-certified to perform. Independent laboratories must notify the Medicaid fiscal intermediary of any changes in their CLIA certification status and the test specialties they have been certified to perform. (See Appendix B for contact information)

Providers must meet the following requirements, as well as any other requirements specified by the Louisiana Department of Health:

- Adhere to the conditions of participation outlined in their provider agreements;
- Maintain and retain business and professional records sufficient to document fully and accurately the nature, scope and details of the health care provided; and
- Provide all necessary accommodations to meet the needs of persons with semi-ambulatory disabilities, sight and hearing disabilities.