
42 C.F.R. § 482.27

Condition of participation: Laboratory services.

The hospital must maintain, or have available, adequate laboratory services to meet the needs of its patients. The hospital must ensure that all laboratory services provided to its patients are performed in a facility certified in accordance with part 493 of this chapter.

(a) *Standard: Adequacy of laboratory services.* The hospital must have laboratory services available, either directly or through a contractual agreement with a certified laboratory that meets requirements of part 493 of this chapter.

(1) Emergency laboratory services must be available 24 hours a day.

(2) A written description of services provided must be available to the medical staff.

(3) The laboratory must make provision for proper receipt and reporting of tissue specimens.

(4) The medical staff and a pathologist must determine which tissue specimens require a macroscopic (gross) examination and which require both macroscopic and microscopic examinations.

(b) *Standard: Potentially infectious blood and blood components—(1) Potentially human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infectious blood and blood components.* Potentially HIV infectious blood and blood components are prior collections from a donor—

(i) Who tested negative at the time of donation but tests reactive for evidence of HIV infection on a later donation;

(ii) Who tests positive on the supplemental (additional, more specific) test or other follow-up testing required by FDA; and

(iii) For whom the timing of seroconversion cannot be precisely estimated.

(2) *Potentially hepatitis C virus (HCV) infectious blood and blood components.* Potentially HCV infectious blood and blood components are the blood and blood components identified in 21 CFR 610.47.

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