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**CHAPTER 27: INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES**

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The Medicaid Independent Laboratories Program provides ~~for~~ payment ~~for~~ medically necessary clinical laboratory ~~procedures—services~~ provided in ~~freestanding—laboratory facilities~~independent laboratories. ~~Medicaid-eligible recipients.~~ An independent laboratory ~~performs diagnostic tests and is a freestanding laboratory that is independent~~ independent of both the ~~attending or consulting physician’s office~~ ordering provider, the hospital where other services are rendered, or both. ~~and/or the hospital where services are rendered.~~

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the conditions and requirements that independent laboratories must meet ~~in order~~ to qualify for reimbursement ~~under the~~ from Louisiana Medicaid. ~~Program.~~ 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. ~~This manual chapter is intended to make available to Medicaid providers of independent laboratory services a ready reference for information and procedural material needed for the prompt and accurate filing of claims for services furnished to Medicaid recipients. The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSE) is responsible for assuring provider compliance with these regulations.~~