

Also refer to Physician Services and Nursing Services if test results were not acted upon timely as per the facility's policies or the prescribing practitioner orders.

There is no Tag for this section; refer to other Tags for concerns related to noncompliance.

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### **§483.50(a) Laboratory Services.**

**§483.50(a)(1) The facility must provide or obtain laboratory services to meet the needs of its residents. The facility is responsible for the quality and timeliness of the services.**

**(i) If the facility provides its own laboratory services, the services must meet the applicable requirements for laboratories specified in part 493 of this chapter.**

### **DEFINITIONS §483.50(a)(1)(i)**

**“Laboratory service”** as referenced in §493.2, is any examination of materials derived from the human body for purposes of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or the assessment of the health of human beings.

### **GUIDANCE §483.50(a)(1)(i)**

If a facility provides its own laboratory services or performs any laboratory tests directly (e.g., blood glucose monitoring, etc.) the provisions of 42 CFR Part §493 apply and the facility must have a current Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certificate appropriate for the level of testing performed within the facility.

Facilities collecting and/or preparing specimens and not performing testing are not considered to be providing laboratory services and do not need to meet the requirements of 42 CFR Part §493.

Surveyors should only verify that the facility has a current CLIA certificate and not attempt to determine compliance with the requirements in 42 CFR part 493; rather, refer questions or concerns to CLIA surveyors.

### **POTENTIAL TAGS FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION**

If noncompliance with §483.50(a)(1)(i) has been identified, the surveyor may have identified concerns with related structure, process, and/or outcome requirements. If an additional concern has been identified, the surveyor must investigate the identified concern. Do not cite any related or associated requirements before first conducting an investigation to determine compliance or non-compliance with the related or associated requirement. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following: