

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

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Re: Laboratory Services Referred From Hospitals

Financial Responsibility for Laboratory Services Ordered by Hospitals

This is a reminder that all laboratory services required for hospital inpatients and registered hospital outpatients are the financial responsibility of the hospital involved. This includes laboratory services that may be required for stillborn fetuses.

If a laboratory specimen is collected in a hospital, but the testing is performed outside the hospital, all associated costs for the testing are the responsibility of the hospital where the specimen was collected.

Funding for these services should not be sought from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The ministry's Out of Country Unit **will not process** Prior Approval Applications for Full Payment of Insured Out-of-Country (OOC) Health Services submitted for this purpose.