

449.61168 Laboratory services; transfer of maternal patient who needs blood or blood products

1.

An obstetric center must maintain or have available adequate laboratory services to meet the needs of its maternal patients, newborn babies and clinical staff. The obstetric center shall ensure that all laboratory services provided to its maternal patients and newborn babies are provided by a medical laboratory licensed pursuant to chapter 652 of NRS.

2.

Laboratory services must be available during all hours of operation of the obstetric center as necessary to meet the needs of the maternal patients, newborn babies and clinical staff.

3.

If work is performed by an outside laboratory, the original report must be from a laboratory licensed pursuant to chapter 652 of NRS and contained in the medical record of the maternal patient. If services are provided by an outside laboratory, the conditions, procedures and availability of work performed must be in writing and available within the obstetric center.

4.

Upon the receipt of a laboratory report, an obstetric center shall promptly: (a) File a laboratory report in the appropriate medical record; and (b) Notify the physician

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A report of a tissue specimen must be signed by a pathologist. The clinical staff of the obstetric center and a pathologist must determine whether a tissue specimen requires a macroscopic examination, or a macroscopic and microscopic examination.

6.

If a maternal patient needs blood or blood products, the maternal patient must be transferred to a licensed hospital which has the capability of providing the appropriate level of services.