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§493.1241 Standard: Test request

(a) The laboratory must have a written or electronic request for patient testing from an authorized person.

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1241(a)

An “authorized person” means an individual authorized under State law to order tests or receive test results, or both. See 42 CFR §493.2 (definition of “authorized person”). See D5305 for specific guidance on the CLIA requirements for the test requisition process.

To ensure that an authorized person is ordering the test, a laboratory using electronic test requests may issue passwords.

Written policies should cover the use of standing orders. Such policies should clearly define which tests may be covered by standing orders and at what interval standing orders should be reconfirmed.