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§493.1291 Standard: Test report

(l) Upon request by a patient (or the patient's personal representative), the laboratory may provide patients, their personal representatives, and those persons specified under 45 CFR 164.524(c)(3)(ii), as applicable, with access to completed test reports that, using the laboratory's authentication process, can be identified as belonging to that patient.

Interpretive Guidance §493.1291(l)

The laboratory must have and follow a written policy that is available to the laboratory staff and details how it handles patient requests for access to their completed laboratory reports. Test reports are considered to be complete when all results associated with the ordered tests are finalized and ready for release.