

TITLE V Laboratory Submission Guidance Effective September 01, 2013

Effective September 01, 2013, Title V fee-for-service (FFS) contractors may send Title V laboratory testing specimens to the laboratory of the contractors' choice. FFS contractors will no longer be required to submit covered Title V laboratory testing to the DSHS Laboratories.

Due to this program change, the DSHS Laboratories will be removing the following Title V program categories from the DSHS Laboratory Submission forms which were located in the Payer Source Box of each DSHS Laboratory Submission form:

- Title V Child Health and Dental
- Title V Prenatal
- Title V Family Planning
- Title V Dysplasia

Revised DSHS Laboratory Submission forms will be distributed in the summer of 2013 in preparation for this change and also to accommodate testing menu changes being made as part of the ongoing DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule revision.

Please be aware that effective September 1, 2013, Title V FFS contractors will be billed for all DSHS Laboratory testing services and payment will be due to the DSHS Laboratory from the Title V FFS contractor who ordered the laboratory testing service. Title V FFS contractors who wish to continue to use the testing services of the DSHS Laboratories can continue doing so using their existing laboratory submitter number(s).

The DSHS Laboratories fee schedules may be found using the following links:

- Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/ab_fees.shtm

- STL DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/so_tx_lab.shtm

Title V program laboratory tests will be noted in the Prenatal and Child Health Chapters in the Policies and Procedures Manual for Title V Maternal & Child Health Fee-for-Service for Child Health, Dental and Prenatal located at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/fee/pandp.shtm>. The laboratory tests will also be listed on the Monthly Reimbursement Request for reimbursement located at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chscontracts/all_forms.shtm#titleVfee.

For allowable program-covered laboratory testing questions, please contact Joan Aalbers, Maternal and Child Health Nurse Consultant, at 512-776-2094 or joan.aalbers@dshs.state.tx.us.