

Statement of Work

Pathology Support Services for FY2019

Amarillo VAHCS

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The Amarillo Veterans Affairs Health Care System (AMAVAHCS) Department of Pathology & Laboratory Service requires support from an external reference laboratory. The reference laboratory shall provide, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations, laws, and ordinances, and in accordance with the specifications outlined for accreditation certification if applicable, reference laboratory testing to the e Amarillo VAHCS in accordance with the Statement of Work herein. The reference laboratory shall provide services to include the performance of analytical testing as defined by the Laboratory's test manual, the reporting of analytical test results and consultative services as required to assimilate the full scope of its laboratory operations to AMAVAHCS. All requirements and provisions defined in the specification of this solicitation will apply to any laboratory, i.e., branch, division, sub-Reference Laboratory, etc. performing reference testing on behalf of the Reference Laboratory. AMAVAHCS anticipates approximately 15,000 specimens will be referred for testing in FY 2019.

1. Reference Laboratory Responsibilities:

- a. The Reference Laboratory shall provide laboratory services to include preanalytical processing as defined in its laboratory manual, analysis, reporting of analytic results, and interpretation.
- b. The Reference Laboratory shall be responsible for providing special instructions, current lists of test with reference ranges and specimen requirements.
- c. The Reference Laboratory shall provide specimen transport containers, lids, and transport bags as required for transportation of specimens to their laboratory.
- d. The Reference Laboratory will provide requested services during normal working hours unless otherwise specified according to **special services** provided by the Reference Laboratory. 
- e. Provide courier service with documented hazardous material shipping and handling training to transport samples in such a manner as to ensure the integrity of the specimen.
- f. The Reference Laboratory will analyze the requested samples. The Reference Laboratory will comply with reporting tests results within the specified time frame in accordance with the nature of the testing, following all regulatory requirements for reporting of patient results. All results identified as a critical or panic value will be verbally communicated immediately to AMAVAHCA Laboratory at the time of identification. All other results will be transmitted to the AMAVAHCS via the Laboratory Electronic Data Interchange (LEDI) according to the published turnaround times of the reference laboratory.
- g. The Reference Laboratory shall be in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 (Public Law 104-191).