

Laboratory Services

A critical access hospital shall provide, either directly or through contract, basic laboratory services essential to the immediate diagnosis and treatment of the patient.

If the critical access hospital provides laboratory services directly, the service shall be in compliance with 902 KAR [20:016](#), Section 4(4).

If the critical access hospital contracts for laboratory services, the laboratory it contracts with shall be in compliance with KRS [Chapter 333](#). The following services shall be provided:

1. Chemical examination of urine, including ketone measurement, by stick or tablet method, or both;
2. Microscopic examination of urine sediment
3. Hemoglobin or hematocrit
4. Blood sugar
5. Examination of stool specimens for occult blood
6. Pregnancy tests and
7. Primary culturing for transmittal to a hospital laboratory or licensed laboratory.