



DSHS Laboratory Checklist for Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Medical Providers

The following THSteps laboratory services obtained during a medical checkup are required to be submitted to the DSHS Laboratory:

Newborn Screening
Total Hemoglobin
Lead
Gonorrhea/Chlamydia testing

The following THSteps laboratory services obtained during a medical checkup may be sent to the medical provider's choice of laboratory (DSHS Laboratory or local):

Glucose
Lipid Profile/Cholesterol and HDL
Lead- Providers with a CLIA Certificate of Waiver may perform initial blood lead testing in the office using point-of-care testing. Testing may be performed using a venous or capillary specimen. Confirmatory tests must be venous specimens and may be sent to the DSHS lab or the client or specimen may be sent to a lab of the provider's choice.
HIV Screen
RPR (Syphilis Screen)

The DSHS Laboratory provides THSteps specimen collection and shipping supplies for THSteps providers at no cost when specimens are submitted to the DSHS Laboratory.

Link to http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/mrs_forms.shtm

- Order Form for Newborn Screening Supplies
- Order Form for Child Health Laboratory Supplies (G-399)
- Order Form for Gonorrhea/Chlamydia (GC/CT) Laboratory Supplies (G-6C)

THSteps medical providers should verify that the current version of the specimen submission form is used. Link to http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/mrs_forms.shtm for a sample of the most current THSteps form.

THSteps medical providers should contact the DSHS Laboratory directly to obtain the Submitter ID Number Request Form (to request a Submitter ID Number), new master copies of submission forms, or to update submitter contact information. Link to http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/mrs_forms.shtm or email the following information to LabInfo@dshs.state.tx.us:

Texas Provider Identifier Number (TPI)	Provider Name	Phone	Physician Name	Email Address
National Provider Identification Number (NPI)	Mailing address City, State, Zip	Fax	Physician's NPI	Contact Name

The DSHS Laboratory has a Specimen Logistics team to assist with specimen rejection and other laboratory services questions. Contact by email at ClinicalChemistry@dshs.state.tx.us.

THSteps medical providers can access specimen submission and requirements for specific tests on the laboratory website in the Laboratory Testing Services Manual (LTSM). http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/MRS_labtests_toc.shtm

The DSHS Laboratory has web based services that will allow medical providers to submit orders and receive test results electronically. <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/remoteData.shtm>

THSteps medical providers can be added to an email distribution list that will send regular updates, notices, and helpful tips for THSteps specimen submissions. Link to http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/cc_tests.shtm and click on "Sign Up for Email Updates".