

## **Montana CLIA Program**

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### **Montana CLIA Program FAQ**

- The Montana CLIA Program follows the federal CLIA regulations and does not have any additional state specific laboratory regulations.
- Montana does not have additional licensing for laboratory directors, but does have state licensing for individuals practicing in health care in the State of Montana. Please contact the corresponding Boards for more information on individual licensing. A state license is required for all personnel performing or supervising moderate and high complexity testing.
- Facilities that solely collect specimens do not need to be licensed or certified in our state. In order for an out of state reference laboratory to test specimens from Montana, the out of state laboratory must have an accurate CLIA certificate in the state where the laboratory is located.
- A Montana facility must refer specimens for testing only to a CLIA certified laboratory.
- There are no education/experience qualifications to be the Laboratory Director of a Certificate of Waiver.
- There are no education/experience qualifications to perform a WAIVED test. Any person can perform Waived testing. Use the FDA link in the resources section below to determine if the test you are using is waived.