

# Lab Services

When it comes to routine and diagnostics labs, your Trust-sponsored clinic is your best option for saving money. All care provided by the clinic is free of charge to employees and their family members enrolled in the medical plan. Currently, ECIST partners with three clinic vendors to provide services to all Trust members:

## QuadMed

### Fayette Regional Health

*(Fayette County & ECESC employees only)*

### Hancock Regional Health

*(Eastern Hancock employees only)*



While all services at the clinics are free of charge to our members at the time of service, costs incurred are reflected in our renewal increases. Our clinic vendors are able to provide lab services at a fraction of the cost of other independent and hospital-owned labs, resulting in overall savings to the Trust. To find out which lab options are available to you, please contact your local Trust-sponsored clinic.



If the clinic is unable to provide a certain lab service, then your next best option is an in-network **independent lab**. Most hospital labs are not contracted as an independent lab and can result in charges to you if used. Examples of independent labs include:



### Quest Diagnostics

[www.questdiagnostics.com](http://www.questdiagnostics.com)

### LabCorp

[www.labcorp.com](http://www.labcorp.com)

### Mid America

[www.maclonline.com](http://www.maclonline.com)

If using an independent in-network lab, it is your responsibility to notify your doctor that all labs must be submitted to an independent lab for processing. The plan covers labs at 100% (no deductible) as long as the lab is coded as routine or preventative. The place of service and the coding submitted on your claim will determine how charges are defined and processed under the terms of the group health plan.

Reminder—hospital labs should only be used as a last resort as they can cost up to four-times more than an independent lab. By using your Trust-sponsored clinic or an independent lab, you can save yourself and the Trust money.