



**PRAIRIE NORTH REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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POLICY

The Registered Nurse/Registered Psychiatric Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse will be certified to perform venipuncture for the collection of blood samples.

CRITERIA

For short-term, post acute:

The RN/RPN/LPN will do lab work only if client cannot get to lab. This service will be continued from 2 weeks to a maximum of 4 weeks post discharge.

For long-term lab follow:

If client is able to arrange the handibus or taxi, then he/she should come to the lab.

If client is independently mobile with or without aids, he/she can come to the lab.

If cognitive capacity indicates that client cannot wait in the lab, the RN/RPN/LPN will follow up.

Palliative clients will be supported by Home Care as needed.