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For Southwest Medical Associates patients who need to obtain lab work as a result of having a procedure done at the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada, we recommend patients follow the procedures outlined below in order to make the process as convenient as possible:

Step 1:

You will need a lab order from your Primary Care Provider (PCP).

If your PCP is with Southwest Medical Associates, please call 877-5199 and a lab order will be generated over the phone, and it will automatically be sent to Quest Diagnostics.

If your PCP is not a Southwest Medical Associates provider please call him/her directly.

Step 2:

Set up an appointment to have your blood drawn at any Quest Diagnostics location. There will be no out-of-pocket expense for this test. You can make an appointment by calling Quest Diagnostics at 1-888-277-8772 or going online at www.questdiagnostics.com. An appointment will ensure a much shorter wait. SMA patients may also have their blood drawn on a walk-in basis at any of the Quest draw sites located in all of SMA's main clinic locations during normal business hours.

Health Plan of Nevada and Senior Dimensions is waiving the co-pays for the lab testing that has been recommended by the Health District for patients who obtained procedures at the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada during the specified period.

Additional information is available on Southwest Medical Associate's website: www.smalv.com.