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(8/29/25) Southern 7 Health Department to Offer Blood Lab Draws for Patients (Service Begins September 15)

For many patients throughout the region, scheduling a blood lab draw prior to their doctor appointment or medical procedure, or for other reasons including determining viral immunity status, can be challenging. In an effort to help reduce access to care barriers and strengthen services across the lower seven counties in Illinois, Southern 7 Health Department (S7HD) will soon offer local lab draw services for patients at its clinics.

Through a partnership with LabCorp Paducah, beginning September 15, patients who require bloodwork can have their order sent to a nearby S7HD public health clinic for completion. This new service is designed to help patients reduce travel time to appointments at an affordable cost. For healthcare providers, it reduces time getting lab results, supports rural access to care, and ensures continuity and coordination by keeping services local.

“Southern 7 Health Department is proud to partner with LabCorp Paducah to bring this service close to home for our residents,” said Shawna Rhine, S7HD Community Outreach Coordinator. “We believe that healthy outcomes start with shortening the gaps in access to care and this service does just that, not just for our residents, but for our regional healthcare providers as well.”

Patients requesting a lab draw from Southern 7 Health Department can either bring their doctor’s order, or fax it, to a S7HD public health clinic. No appointment is needed, but is recommended to reduce wait time during their visit.

Each patient is required to pay a \$10 collection fee to S7HD at time of visit regardless of insurance or Medicaid coverage. Patients without health coverage will be required to pay the \$10 collection fee plus cost of lab at time of service. All lab results will be sent directly to the patient’s provider.

Southern 7 Health Department is a public health department that serves communities of the seven southernmost counties in Illinois focusing on disease prevention, promoting of healthy lifestyles, and ensuring access to healthcare services for the region.

Appointments for blood lab draws begin September 15. For pricing and other information, or to schedule an appointment at a clinic near you, call Southern 7 Health Department at 618-634-2297, visit www.southern7.org, or download the Southern 7 app.

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