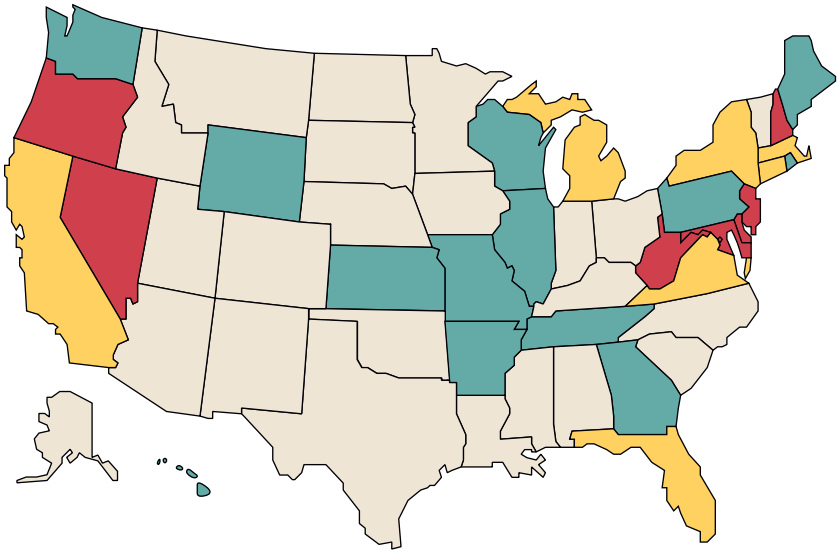
STATES HAVE VARYING ACCESS TO LAB RESULTS

The Dept. of Health and Human Services' proposed rule would set a nationwide legal standard to govern how labs communicate test results to patients. Here is how the states are handling the matter.



Laws pertaining to lab results:

- Sent only to physician or authorized health care entity
- Sent to patients with physician approval
- Sent to patients without physician approval
- No state law governs patients' access

SOURCE: "CLIA PROGRAM AND HIPAA PRIVACY RULE; PATIENTS' ACCESS TO TEST REPORTS: A PROPOSED RULE BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES," *FEDERAL REGISTER*, SEPT. 14

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