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# News Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Laboratory Services at VA Rapid City Outpatient Clinic Available Primarily to Rapid City Clinic Veterans**

Effective February 1, 2010 through March 1, 2010 the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System's Rapid City Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) will give priority laboratory services only to Veterans who are currently enrolled and receive their primary care at the Rapid City CBOC.

Laboratory services for Veterans who are enrolled and receive their primary care at the Fort Meade or Hot Springs VA Medical Centers will be available on a limited basis at the Rapid City CBOC during the February 1 through March 1 timeframe. Fort Meade and Hot Springs enrolled Veterans should seek their laboratory needs at the facility where they receive their primary care.

VA Black Hills Health Care System apologizes for any inconvenience this temporary suspension of laboratory service might cause our Fort Meade and Hot Springs enrolled Veterans. Current staffing levels in the lab necessitate this temporary suspension as well as our desire to provide timely service to the Veterans enrolled at the Rapid City CBOC.

Questions regarding the temporary change may be directed to Rapid City CBOC at 605-718-1095, Ext. 3051 or 3062.

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