# PARAMEDICAL EXAM



## YOU PROBABLY ORDER AN INSPECTION BEFORE BUYING A HOUSE.

Similarly, insurance companies must assess your current health before preparing a contract for coverage. Depending on the type of insurance you apply for, this assessment can include: personal interview with examiner, personal medical history, family medical history, height, weight, blood pressure, pulse, blood test, urine specimen, resting EKG, and licensed physician exam.

**Location. Location. Location.** You choose the location. Exams typically take 20 to 30 minutes, so choose a place convenient for you (home, office, the exam company) and have the following readily available:

- Picture ID
- Names and dosages of current medications
- Names, addresses, phone numbers of doctors, clinics, and hospitals visited in the last 5 years; the date and reason for your last visit

#### **COMMON QUESTIONS.**

**Why me?** This is a routine part of most insurance applications (life, long term care, disability, hybrid solutions) required by insurance companies. A few companies offer accelerated underwriting that does not require a paramed exam. LLIS will let you know if one of these policies matches your needs.

How much will it cost me? Nothing. The insurance company pays all costs.

Who are the paramedical examiners? They're mobile health professionals who work for a service contracted by the insurance company. They are not LLIS employees.

**Who sees my exam results?** Your information is kept strictly confidential. It is sent to the insurance company and used for underwriting purposes only.

**Need to know more?** Your LLIS case manager is just a phone call or email away for assistance.

### **HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEST RESULTS:**

FAST FOR 8 HOURS Some foods elevate triglyceride and glucose readings

DRINK LOTS OF WATER Dehydration can: affect sugar and protein levels, make it hard to find a vein and provide a urine specimen

- AVOID CAFFEINE AND ENERGY DRINKS FOR 8 HOURS Stimulants boost blood pressure and heart rate
- DON'T EXERCISE WITHIN 24 HOURS So protein doesn't spill into your urine
- WOMEN: AVOID EXAM AROUND MENSTRUATION Red blood cells get in your urine
- GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST & SCHEDULE EXAM EARLY IN THE DAY You want to be as relaxed as possible
- WEAR LIGHT CLOTHING One pound can change your rate class
- WEAR LOOSE CLOTHING Easy access for blood draw
- AVOID NICOTINE Even a trace of nicotine in your labs can classify you as a smoker
- LIMIT SALT AND HIGH CHOLESTEROL FOODS FOR 24 HOURS To avoid dehydration, weight increase, and skewed kidney function results
- AVOID ALCOHOL AND NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR 24 HOURS They could throw off your liver test results

TAKE YOUR REGULAR PRESCRIPTIONS Not doing so can affect your labwork



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