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To
UCHealth Healthcare Providers and
Healthcare Professionals

From
UCHealth Clinical Laboratories Medical Directors
UCHealth Clinical Laboratories Administrative Directors

Annual Laboratory Compliance Notice to Providers

This annual notice is in compliance with the guidance of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the regulations and requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The OIG recommends that the following information is communicated to healthcare providers.

CLINICAL LABORATORY FEE SCHEDULE

Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedules are available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Clinical-Laboratory-Fee-Schedule-Files>.

The Medicaid reimbursement amount will be equal to or less than the Medicare reimbursement amount.

MEDICAL NECESSITY REQUIREMENT

Medicare will only pay for tests that meet the Medicare coverage criteria and are reasonable and necessary for treatment and diagnosis.

[Local Coverage Determinations](#) (LCD) and [National Coverage Determinations](#) (NCD) specify tests that have limited coverage under Medicare, list covered diagnosis codes for these tests.

Physicians must provide ICD-10 codes or diagnoses with all outpatient laboratory requests to support medical necessity. Code the condition(s) to the highest degree of certainty for that encounter/visit.

When ordering individual tests or any organ and disease oriented panels, please remember that for laboratories to bill Medicare, each and every test, including each component of a panel, must be medically necessary for the treatment or diagnosis of the particular patient being tested.

A signed Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) should be obtained before service is provided to any outpatient for whom there is reasonable doubt that Medicare will provide coverage for specific lab tests or other services.

CUSTOMIZED PROFILES

Any grouping of laboratory tests that is not described in the Organ and Disease Panel section of the AMA CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) Manual is considered to be a customized profile. Using a customized profile may result in the ordering of tests which are not covered, reasonable or necessary and that may not be billed. The OIG takes the position that an individual who knowingly causes a false claim to be submitted may be subject to sanctions or remedies available under civil, criminal and administrative



law. A list of custom profiles is available at <https://uchealth-wp-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/11144318/2023-05-Beaker-Custom-Panels.pdf>.

REFLEX TESTING

Reflex testing and confirmatory testing may be medically indicated when initial test results fall within certain parameters. UCHealth Laboratories use Medical Board/Executive Committee-approved testing algorithms whenever possible to avoid delays in patient care. A list of laboratory tests that may generate additional testing and the conditions under which they are performed is available in each laboratory’s test catalog.

TEST CATALOG LINKS

- Broomfield Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/UCHealthbfhlab>
- Cherry Creek Medical Center Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital>
- Grandview Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/MemorialHospital>
- Greeley Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/PoudreValleyHealthSystem>
- Harmony Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/PoudreValleyHealthSystem>
- Highlands Ranch Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/UCHealthHRHLab>
- Lone Tree Health Center Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital>
- Longs Peak Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/uchealthlongspeak>
- Medical Center of the Rockies Laboratories <https://www.testmenu.com/PoudreValleyHealthSystem>
- Memorial Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/MemorialHospital>
- Pikes Peak Regional Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/MemorialHospital>
- Poudre Valley Hospital <https://www.testmenu.com/PoudreValleyHealthSystem>
- University of Colorado Hospital Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital>
- Yampa Valley Medical Center Laboratory <https://www.testmenu.com/uchealthyvmclab>

QUESTIONS?

Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratories at the numbers listed in the home page of each test catalog if you have any questions.

For questions regarding appropriateness of tests, please contact our Clinical Consultants:

Laboratory Region/Location/Specialty	Name	Phone
Broomfield Hospital Director	Dawn Pavot, MD	303-709-4393
Cherry Creek Medical Center Director	Edward Ashwood, MD	720-848-7064
Highlands Ranch Hospital Director	Lian Zhang, MD, PhD	720-516-0199
Lone Tree Health Center Director	Lian Zhang, MD, PhD	720-516-0199
Longs Peak Hospital Director	Dawn Pavot, MD	303-709-4393
North Director (GEBC, Greeley, Harmony)	Michael Walts, MD	970-495-8700
PVH/MCR Director	Christopher Bee, MD	970-495-8700
PVH/MCR Transfusion Medicine	Michael Walts, MD	970-495-8700
South Region Medical Staff	Nathan Johnston, MD	719-365-8289



Laboratory Region/Location/Specialty	Name	Phone
South Director (Memorial N and C, Pikes Peak RH, Printers Park MP, Grandview)	Ross Barner, MD	719-365-6894
UCH Director	Gregary Bocsi, DO	720-848-7050
UCH Chemistry	Melkon Dombourian, MD	720-848-1551
UCH Chemistry/Toxicology	Geza Bodor, MD	720-848-6032
UCH Coagulation	Stuart Lind, MD	303-724-1383
UCH Hematology/Flow Cytometry	C. Kayla Pang, MD	303-724-2459
UCH Hematology	Jingjing Zhang, MD	720-848-8941
UCH Microbiology	Nancy Madinger, MD	720-848-7047
UCH Transfusion Medicine	Mary Berg, MD	720-553-9529
UCH Transfusion Medicine	Nicole Draper, MD	720-553-9528
UCH Transfusion Medicine	Stephanie Bates, MD	720-553-9526
UCH Virology/Molecular Diagnostics	Adriana Weinberg, MD	303-315-4624
UCH Virology/Molecular Diagnostics	Bruce McCollister, MD	720-848-5874
Yampa Valley Medical Center Director	James Hopfenbeck, MD	970-871-2340