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Important Announcement of Change to Date of Service Policy

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Thank you for choosing Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) for your laboratory testing needs. This notification is to inform you of a recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decision that will require HCMC to bill Medicare for molecular testing for outpatient encounters. This change is effective on January 1, 2018.

On November 1, 2017, CMS issued a notification that revises the Date of Service rule:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2017-23932/p-2184>

- Under the new rule, the date of service becomes the date the testing was performed at HCMC, rather than the date the specimen was collected. The change to date of service only applies to outpatient testing only and specific CPT codes for molecular testing. The rule change includes the following CPT code sets:
 - 81105 – 81383 (Tier 1 molecular codes)
 - 81400 – 81408 (Tier 2 molecular codes)
 - 81479 (unlisted molecular code) and ADLTs
- To ensure compliance with this regulation, please review your HCMC laboratory invoice to identify **outpatients with Medicare coverage and molecular testing**. Complete the Molecular Testing Billing Request Form for each molecular test identified and return via fax to HCMC Laboratory Billing at 612-904-4229.

We appreciate your business and the opportunity to meet your reference laboratory needs. Please contact, Clay Virden, Laboratory Outreach Coordinator at 612-873-9068 with questions you may have regarding this change.

Regards,