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BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) form update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a new ABN which must be in place by June 30, 2023. The new version of the ABN, along with instructions for completion, are available for printing on the [Medical necessity and payer policies](#) tab of the Lab billing page on our [Allina Health Laboratory](#) website.

Forms with the June 30, 2023 date that are signed after they expire will be considered invalid.

University of MN outreach fee increases

The University of MN Physicians Outreach Laboratory has announced a fee increase, effective immediately for the following tests that Allina Health Laboratory refers to them.

The affected tests are:

Lab_Number	Order	Test name
1842	86805.1	FINAL TXM-RECIP
1841	86805.2	INTERIM TXM-RECIP
4773	86807.3	PRA-ELISA SCREEN
5134	80195.1	RAPAMYCIN (SIROLIMUS)
2613A	LAB2613	HLA A,B,C CLASS I TYPING
2614	LAB2614	HLA A,B,C AND DR/DQ COMPLETE TYPING

If these are tests that are utilized by your practice, and Allina Health Laboratory bills your facility for testing, contact your account representative for pricing details.

CHEMISTRY

PSA testing returning to Allina Health Laboratory

Effective June 27, 2023, PSA testing temporarily referred to an external reference laboratory will return to being performed at Allina Health Laboratory. The following table lists the assays included with this transition.

Test	Date to transition
Prostate specific antigen, diagnostic	June 27, 2023
Prostate specific antigen, screen	
Prostate specific antigen, total & free	

These assays have been updated in the test catalog to reflect methodology changes that occurred with transitioning to Roche instrumentation. If the PSA test was used for serial monitoring, re-baselining is recommended.

In order to help facilitate the re-baselining transition, Allina Health Laboratories will perform a second tumor marker assay by the new method (Roche) at no charge. To credit the repeat tumor marker testing, please complete a Re-baselining of [Tumor marker credit request](#) found on the Allina Health Laboratory test catalog website.

HELP US HELP YOU

Keeping your provider list current

To ensure accurate reports as well as accurate billing insurance claims, please review your Allina Health Laboratory request forms on a regular basis to make sure that we are maintaining a complete and accurate provider listing for your facility.

If any updates (removals or additions) are needed, please submit a completed [Provider change request](#) form, available on the billing page of our website, or contact your Account Representative for assistance.

HEMATOLOGY

Ehrlichia smear update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective June 20, 2023, the test name for Ehrlichia smear (453/LAB453) has been changed to Anaplasma/Ehrlichia smear.

DETAILS

Current test name	New test name
Ehrlichia smear	Anaplasma/Ehrlichia smear

IMMUNOLOGY

Allergy Testing

Due to an increase in the volume of testing for allergens performed at Allina Health Laboratory, we have extended the turn around time for these assays from 1 – 2 days to 3 – 5 days. The [Test catalog](#) has been updated to reflect this change.

PATIENT SERVICE CENTERS

Patient service center (PSC) hours and locations update

Allina Health Laboratory has made changes to the Patient Service Center (PSC) locations and hours. Please review the updated document on our website, [Patient service center locations and hours](#), and ensure your patients and employees have this updated information.

HISTOPATHOLOGY

Cytokeratin WSS by IHC update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective July 10, 2023, the Cytokeratin WSS by IHC performed at Allina Health Laboratory will be discontinued and no longer orderable.

DETAILS

Due to low utilization, this immunohistochemistry stain will no longer be available. The IHC requisition is being updated to reflect this change.

Fetal demise and autopsy requests

QUICK REFERENCE

An update to the [Fetal demise testing and autopsy requests](#) reference guide, located on our Allina Health Laboratory website, has been updated.

DETAILS

It is the policy of Allina Health Laboratory that any products of conception (POC) specimen or any specimen containing fetal parts submitted for examination or testing is handled in a sensitive manner in accordance with all Minnesota laws. This guide can be referred to for order requirements and submission of samples.

MICROBIOLOGY

Pediatric COVID/FLU/RSV Panel update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective June 20, 2023, the Pediatric COVID/FLU/RSV panel (14423/LAB14423) was renamed COVID/FLU/RSV panel. Along with the name change, the under 6 years old age restriction has been removed.

DETAILS

Current test name	<i>New</i> test name
Pediatric COVID/FLU/RSV panel	COVID/FLU/RSV panel

COVID-19 Molecular update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective June 8, 2023, test indication prompts for the Covid-19 Molecular assay (15064/LAB15064) assay have been removed.

DETAILS

At the beginning of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) COVID-19 test availability was limited and a tiering system was implemented based on COVID-19 testing indication(s) selected in the order. Health and Human Services (HHS) also had additional data reporting requirements that utilized the selected indication(s) to track data related to the PHE. The PHE ended May 11, 2023. Testing capacity at Allina is no longer a concern. COVID-19 Molecular test order indication prompts will be removed.

With the removal of these prompts, we will be making updates to the Allina Health Laboratory requisitions to move away from a separate COVID-19 requisition.

If you have any questions, please contact your account representative at allinahealthlaboratoryaccountrepresentatives@allina.com.

COURIER

Important courier changes

Allina Health Laboratory remains committed to providing quality service to our customers and making certain medical samples are transported with care.

Unscheduled courier pickups are subject to charges being billed back to your facility. We first implemented charges for unscheduled couriers on January 1, 2007. Since then, we have not increased these prices to our customers.

Due to many economic factors affecting today's health care, we are forced to increase these charges.

On June 1, 2023, we increased our fees for unscheduled couriers. These charges will continue to appear on your monthly statement.

Our service hours for unscheduled courier requests are Monday-Friday 8am to 6pm. As a reminder unscheduled courier services are not available through Allina Health Laboratory on weekends and holidays.

As always you are welcome to use your own couriers to deliver specimens to Allina Health Laboratory.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your account representative at AllinaHealthLaboratoryaccountrepresentatives@allina.com

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