

# Laboratory Services Billing

Allina Health Laboratory and Hospital Pathology Associates, PA partner to provide quality laboratory services to our patients. For some testing done at Allina Health Laboratory, such as a biopsy or a Pap test, you may receive separate bills from:

- the clinic or hospital where your sample was collected
- Allina Health Laboratory
- Hospital Pathology Associates.

## Biopsy

A biopsy is removing a piece of tissue or fluid sample to test for any diseases. After your health care provider collects the sample, your clinic or hospital will send it to Allina Health Laboratory.

Allina Health Laboratory gets the sample ready for testing. When it is ready, a pathologist from Hospital Pathology Associates will look at the sample. The pathologist studies the sample under a microscope. He or she will make a diagnosis and give the results to your health care provider.

Allina Health Laboratory charges for the work to get the sample ready for testing. Hospital Pathology Associates charges for making a diagnosis.

## Pap test

A Pap test is used to find abnormal cells in the cervix. A sample is taken during your exam and sent to Allina Health Laboratory. The sample is tested for any abnormal cells.

If any abnormal cells are found, the sample will be looked at by a pathologist from Hospital Pathology Associates. He or she will make a diagnosis and give the results to your health care provider.

The charge for having a pathologist look at the sample is called an overread. An overread is billed separately by Hospital Pathology Associates.

## Questions about your bill

If you have any questions about a bill from Allina Health Laboratory, please call 612-262-6000.

If you have any questions about a bill from Hospital Pathology Associates, please call 1-866-434-1545, ext. 85289.