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BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

Babesia CPT code update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective immediately, there is a CPT code update for the Babesia microti assay (13389/LAB13389)

DETAILS

Previous CPT	New CPT
87798	87469

Ehrlichia detection, PCR CPT code update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective immediately, there is a CPT code update for the Ehrlichia detection, PCR assay (13525/LAB13525).

DETAILS

Previous CPT	New CPT
87798 x 2	87484 87468

Thiopurine methyltransferase CPT code update

QUICK REFERENCE

Effective immediately, there is a CPT code update for the Thiopurine methyltransferase assay (13556/LAB13556).

DETAILS

Previous CPT	New CPT
82657	84433

MICROBIOLOGY

2022 Antibigrams

The Allina Health antibigrams have been published on the [Allina Health Laboratory](#) website. The purpose of an antibiogram is to guide clinicians on selection of empiric antimicrobial therapy when definitive susceptibility results are not available. New this year for the Outpatient Antibigrams urine isolates have been compiled separately from non-urine isolates. This link can be utilized [Allina Health Antimicrobial Susceptibility Data](#) to access the antibiogram.

COVID-19 Molecular

Quick reference:

On January 17, 2023, Allina Health Laboratory began offering the COVID-19 Molecular assay (15064/LAB15064) in place of the COVID-19 collection (14315/LAB14315) assay.

Details:

The COVID –19 Molecular assay has been verified on all Allina platforms. Collection questions and sample requirements remain the same. Please ensure updated requisitions are sent with samples for testing.

COVID-19 Molecular-15064

Test Info	Specimen	Performance	Clinical and Interpretive Info	Billing	Tracking
Test name:	COVID-19 Molecular				
Test number:	15064				
Excellian order number:	LAB15064				
Abbreviation:	CVD				
Alternate names:	2019-nCoV 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), NAA Coronavirus CoV COVID-19 nCoV SARS-CoV-2 SARS COVID SARS-CoV-2				
Tests included:	SARS-CoV-2				
Useful for:	Detection of SARS-CoV-2 to assist in the diagnosis of COVID-2019 infections				

Complete test information is available in the Test catalog

COURIER

MedSpeed “Dear Dr Note” (DDN) notification

Beginning March 6, 2023, MedSpeed will begin to provide verification that a site visit has been completed, but the location was either closed or the client was not present to communicate that there were **no items** at the designated pickup location. This notification will also be left if the courier was unable to access the pickup location.

This provides verification that MedSpeed has visited the site and prevents the client from staging items for pickup after service has been completed.

Follow up is not needed unless something was not picked up.



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Falso Stub ☐

ATTENTION

We were here to provide service:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Site Name: _____

Notice: ☐ Office Closed ☐ Lockbox Not Out ☐ Lockbox Empty
☐ Unable to Deliver Item

For any questions please contact
client services at (800) 281-4379
or 612-863-4678 Option 1.

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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.

SUPPLIES

Specimen collection supply updates

Some of Allina Health Laboratory's previously back ordered supplies have become stabilized.

Metal Free Blood Collection Tubes:

Allina Health has been able to obtain an adequate supply of Navy Blue Metal Free EDTA and Tan metal free K2EDTA blood collection tubes to resume collecting metal testing in optimal metal free blood collection tubes.

- Only order what is needed for testing volumes at your site.

Refer to the AHL Test catalog for acceptable alternative tube types if needed.

Light Green PST Blood Collection Tubes:

Due to label placement challenges on the Roche instruments, supply chain is currently working to standardize to the 13x100 size tubes.

There is no change to ordering practices for lab staff.

If a short 13x75 is collected, ensure the label is placed as close to the cap as possible. If specimen label is not correctly placed, the instrument cannot read the barcode. See pictures below for correct and incorrect placement.

CORRECT



INCORRECT



6N HCL 24-Hour Urine Collection Jugs:

Supply has stabilized for this collection container. Alternative testing alerts have been removed for 24-Hour urine testing for Catecholamines, Oxalate, and Magnesium.

- Order only what is needed for testing volumes at your site.

Thank you for choosing Allina Health Laboratory -

We value your business!