

# LabConnect

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# Billing and Compliance

## HealthPartners Medicare Advantage MR medical necessity update

Effective June 1, 2020, HealthPartners Medicare Advantage MR will follow the CMS rules for medical necessity. This means that claims need a covered diagnosis or a signed waiver in order to bill for the services that are subject to medical necessity.

These NCD and LCD [medical necessity](#) policies can be found on the Billing page of our AHL website.

# Coagulation

## Prottime/INR reference range change

On June 2, 2020, Allina Health Laboratory changed to a new lot of Prothrombin Time (487/85610.0) reagent which required thorough validation testing to establish a new mean normal reference time. The new normal Prottime is used to calculate the International Normalized Ratio or INR for each new lot of thromboplastin. This process occurs approximately every 12 months when a new lot of reagent has been made available by the instrumentation reagent vendor.

As a part of this process, our Coagulation Department performed a new “normal range” study using 25 specimens from persons known to be free of coagulation abnormalities and not on any current medications. These samples were run at every site, on each analyzer to give us a large volume dataset and a thorough representation of instrument comparability.

These normal Prottime results were compiled to establish a reference time for the INR calculation. They also provided data that was used for a new normal reference range.

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| Previous PT Reference range | 11.8 –14.2 sec |
| NEW PT Reference range      | 12.0 –14.6 sec |

# Couriers

## Access to the Central Laboratory

Due to current heightened security levels on the Abbott Northwestern Hospital campus, anyone presenting at the Allina Health Laboratory Central Lab will be required to display ID badge/identification prior to admittance.

If your site utilizes courier services other than those provided by Allina Health Laboratory to transport specimens to the Allina Health Central Laboratory, please ensure that they are aware of this requirement.

# Supplies

## Greiner Vacuette® 2 mL, 9NC Coagulation Sodium Citrate 3/2% tube recall

Allina Health Laboratory has received notice of a recall on the Greiner Vacuette® 2 mL, 9NC Coagulation Sodium Citrate 3.2% tubes due to an incorrect amount of citrate added to some of the tubes during manufacturing.

**Product: Greiner Vacuette® 2 mL, 9NC Coagulation Sodium Citrate 3.2% Tubes**  
**Lot #: B1908355**  
**Exp: 200809**

These tubes are included as a component of the Aspirin therapy and P2Y12 collection kit/tubes provided by Allina Health Laboratory.



Please check all kits that you may have in stock for tubes affected by this recall, and immediately remove them from use. Return any kits containing the recalled tubes to Allina Health Laboratory along with a completed Supply Return form.