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BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

New payer coverage policies

Allina Health Laboratory has been notified of two new payer coverage policies. If coverage guidelines are not met and the payer does not deem the testing to be medically necessary, testing will not be reimbursable. If a non-covered diagnosis code is submitted with the order, Allina Health Laboratory billing will contact your office with an attempt to obtain a covered diagnosis code(s). If a coverable code is not available, your facility will be subject to a bill back for charges incurred. This change will be effective on anything processed on or after March 1, 2022. The affected policies are listed below.

Cigna

[Vitamin D - Coverage Policy 0526:](#)

This includes the following Cigna payers:

Payor Name	Payor Contact Address 1	Payor Contact City	Payor Contact State	Payor Contact Zip Code
CIGNA	PO BOX 2100	BOURBONNAIS	IL	60914
CIGNA	PO BOX 800	UNIONVILLE	CT	06085-0800
CIGNA	PO BOX 962	BRISTOL	CT	06011
CIGNA	PO BOX 89000	ATLANTA	GA	30359
CIGNA	PO BOX 5200	SCRANTON	PA	18505-5200
CIGNA	PO BOX 2546	SHERMAN	TX	75090
CIGNA/CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INS	PO BOX 55270	PHOENIX	AZ	85078-5270
CIGNA HEALTHCARE MN	PO BOX 64143	SAINT PAUL	MN	55164-0143

United Healthcare (UHC)

[Hepatitis Screening – Coverage Policy 2021T0548X](#)

This includes the following United Healthcare Payers:

Payor Name	Payor Contact Address 1	Payor Contact City	Payor Contact State	Payor Contact Zip Code
UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE	PO BOX 740800	ATLANTA	GA	30374-0800
UNITED HEALTHCARE LABORCARE	PO BOX 30553	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	84130-0553

Trichomonas, Candida and Bacterial vaginosis by NAA CPT change

Effective February 9, 2022, the CPT code for the Trichomonas, Candid and Bacterial vaginosis by NAA (14413/LAB14413) assay changed.

Previous	New
87801	
87481	81514
87661	

REFERRAL TESTING

Test changes

Carbamazepine, free (1958)

MedTox Laboratories has shared that due to reagent procurement issues, the Carbamazepine, free (1958/LAB1958) assay is currently unavailable.

There is no alternative test available.

Carbamazepine, free and total (1959)

MedTox Laboratories has shared that due to reagent procurement issues, the Carbamazepine, free & total assay (1959/LAB1959) is currently unavailable.

There is no alternative test.

Carbamazepine, free, total and epoxide (2755)

MedTox Laboratories has shared that due to reagent procurement issues, the Carbamazepine & Epoxide, free and total (2755/LAB2755) assay is currently unavailable.

There is no alternative test available.

Copper, 24-hour urine (13304)

Effective February 28, 2022, the Copper, 24-hour urine assay was changed to accept both 24-hour and random urine samples.

	Previous	New
Specimen	Urine, 24-hour urine	Urine, 24-hour Urine, random
Collection container	24-hour urine container, acid washed	24-hour urine container Screw cap plastic container (non sterile)
Transport container	Urine cup – acid washed (metal free)	Transfer vial/tube with cap - 12mL (LabCorp)
Performing lab	MedTox Laboratories	LabCorp

Complete test information is available in the [Test Catalog](#).

Digoxin, unbound (2393)

MedTox Laboratories has shared that due to reagent procurement issues, the Digoxin, unbound (2393/LAB2393) assay is currently unavailable.

There is no alternative test.

Estrone , serum (13327)

LabCorp has shared that on April 4, 2022, multiple changes to the Estrone, serum assay (13327/LAB13327) will go into effect.

SPECIMEN TYPE/COLLECTION CONTAINER

Current: Serum/Gold or red
EDTA plasma/Lavender

NEW: Serum/Gold *only*

SPECIMEN VOLUME

Current: 1.0 mL (minimum 0.6mL)

NEW: 0.6 mL (minimum 0.4 mL).

Submission of the minimum volume does not allow for repeat testing

TRANSPORT/STABILITY

Current: Refrigerated

NEW: Ambient (*preferred*) – 14 days

Iodine, random urine (13307)

Effective February 28, 2022, the Iodine, random urine assay (13307), previously referred to

	Previous	New
Collection container	Urine cup – acid washed (metal free)	Screw cap plastic container (non sterile)
Volume	10 mL	5 mL
Performing laboratory	MedTox Laboratories	LabCorp
Transport container	Urine cup – acid washed (metal free)	Sterile screw cap vial/tube - 15mL (LabCorp)

MedTox Laboratories, was referred to LabCorp.

Complete test information is available in the [Test Catalog](#).

Protein ELP 24-hour urine (218)

On February 21, 2022, the specimen requirements for the Protein ELP, 24 hour urine (218/ LAB218) assay changed.

DETAILS

	Previous	NEW
Processing instructions	Measure and record the total volume Mix well Transfer an 8mL aliquot to a Urine aliquot transport vial/ tube – 10mL (AHL)	Measure and record the total volume Mix well Transfer a 20mL (<i>minimum 10mL</i>) aliquot into a <i>Screw cap plastic container (sterile)</i>
Volume	8 mL aliquot from a 24 hour urine collection	20 mL aliquot from a 24 hour urine collection
Minimum volume	5 mL aliquot from a 24 hour urine collection	10 mL aliquot from a 24 hour urine collection
Transport container	Urine aliquot transport vial/tube – 10mL (AHL)	Screw cap plastic container (sterile)

Protein ELP, random urine (3218)

On February 21, 2022, a change to the specimen requirements for the Protein ELP, random urine (3218/LAB3218) assay went into effect.

	Previous	NEW
Collection container	Screw cap plastic container (non-sterile)	Screw cap plastic container (sterile)
Volume	8mL	20mL
Minimum volume	5mL	10mL
Processing instructions	Transfer an 8mL aliquot to a Urine aliquot transport vial/tube – 10mL (AHL) Label the tube as urine	None
Transport container	Urine aliquot transport vial/tube – 10mL (AHL)	Screw cap plastic container (sterile)

Vitamin B6, plasma (13329)

On April 4, 2022, the reference range for the Vitamin B6, plasma assay (13329/LAB13329) will change.

Current reference range:

Male: 5.3 – 46.7 µg/L

Female: 2.0 – 32.8 µg/L

NEW reference range:

3.4 - 65.2 ug/L

Deficiency: < 3.4 µg/L

Marginal: 3.4 – 5.1 µg/L

Adequate: > 5.1 µg/L

Varicella zoster virus (VZV), DNA PCR (13388)

Effective March 21, 2022, LabCorp will no longer accept Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples for the Varicella zoster virus (VZV), DNA PCR (13388/LAB13388) assay; the only acceptable specimens will be swabs or whole blood (EDTA or ACD).

The suggested alternative test for CSF samples is the Varicella zoster virus (VZV), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), DNA PCR (14501/LAB14501).

Obsolete tests

Bismuth, whole blood (2558)

Effective February 28, 2022, the Bismuth, whole blood assay (2558/LAB2558), referred to MedTox Laboratories, became obsolete.

The suggested alternative test is the Bismuth, whole blood assay (994/LAB994), referred to LabCorp.

Chromium, 24-hour urine (12517)

Effective February 28, 2022, the Chromium, 24-hour urine assay (12517/LAB12517) became obsolete.

The suggested alternative test is Chromium, random urine (994/LAB994) referred to LabCorp.

Copper, random urine (13301)

On February 28, 2022, the Copper, random urine assay (13301/LAB13301), referred to MedTox Laboratories, became obsolete.

The suggested alternative test is the urine Copper assay referred to LabCorp (13304/LAB13304) which changed to accept both 24-hour and random urine samples.

New tests

Bismuth, whole blood (994)

On February 28, 2022, the Bismuth, whole blood assay (994/LAB994), referred to LabCorp, became available to order.

Bismuth, whole blood-994

Test info	Specimen	Performance	Clinical and Interpretive info	Billing	Tracking
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Test name:	Bismuth, whole blood
Test number:	994
Excellian order number:	LAB994
Abbreviation:	MSO
Useful for:	Monitor exposure to bismuth

Complete test and ordering information is available in the [Test Catalog](#).

Chromium, random urine (994)

Effective February 28, 2022, a new Chromium, random urine assay (994/LAB994), referred to LabCorp, became available to order.

Chromium, random urine-994

Test info	Specimen	Performance	Clinical and Interpretive info	Billing	Tracking
Test name:	Chromium, random urine				
Test number:	994				
Excellian order number:	LAB994				
Abbreviation:	MSo				
Alternate names:	Cr				
Tests included:	Chromium, urine Creatinine, urine Chromium:creatinine ratio				
Useful for:	Monitor industrial exposure to chromium				

Complete test information is available in the [Test Catalog](#)..

Varicella zoster virus (VZV), cerebral spinal fluid DNA PCR (14501)

Effective March 21, 2022, a new test for the detection of Varicella zoster virus (VZV) in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples will be available for order; Varicella zoster virus (VZV), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), DNA PCR (14501/LAB14501).

Complete test information will be available in the [Test Catalog](#).on the effective date.

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