

Outpatient laboratory services — new payment policy

Background or summary of change/update (including effective date): Effective July 1, 2020, most outpatient laboratory tests must be sent to Quest,* LabCorp* or other participating outpatient laboratories as listed in the provider directory. Laboratory tests may be performed in a physician’s office certified by the *Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)*. Authorizations will be required for non-participating providers for laboratory testing.

Why is this change necessary?

Amerigroup Community Care is revising our payment policy for outpatient laboratory services to ensure they are performed in the most appropriate setting. In many cases, a hospital should not be the lab of reference.

What does this mean to me?

All outpatient laboratory tests must be sent to a participating outpatient laboratory or be performed at a *CLIA*-certified physician’s office with the following exceptions:

- Lab services rendered in an emergency room setting
- Lab services rendered in conjunction with hospital observation services: RV0760-V0769
- Lab services required for pre-admission testing for hospital inpatient admission
- Lab services rendered in conjunction with ambulatory surgery services: RV0360-RV0369, RV0481, RV0490-RV0499, RV0720-RV0729, RV0750-RV0759 and RV0790-RV0799
- Lab services that are billed with the following diagnosis codes:
 - **Obstetric:** O00-O08, O09, O10-O16, O20-O29, O30-O48, O60-O77, O80-O82, O85-O92, O94-O9A, Z30-Z39
 - **Chemotherapy:** Z51.11, Z92.21, Z01.818
 - **Neoplasms:** C00-C14, C15-C26, C30-C39, C40-C41, C43-C44, C45-C49, C50, C51-C58, C60-C63, C64-C68, C69-C72, C73-C75, C7A, C7B, C76-C80, C81-C96, D00-D09, D10-D36, D3A, D37-D48, D49
 - **Sickle cell:** D57.00, D57.01, D57.02, D57.1, D57.20, D57.211, D57.212, D57.219, D57.3, D57.40, D57.411, D57.412, D57.419, D57.80, D57.811, D57.812, D57.819
- STAT labs identified by CPT code in Table below:

CPT®	Description	CPT	Description	CPT	Description
80048	Basic metabolic panel	80164	Dipropylacetic acid	80194	Quinidine
80051	Electrolyte panel	80178	Lithium	80329, 80330, 80331	Salicylate
80076	Hepatic function panel	80184	Phenobarbital	80198	Theophylline
80156	Carbamazepine; total	80185	Phenytoin; total	80200	Tobramycin

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80162	Digoxin	80192	Procainamide; with metabolites	81000	Urinalysis by dipstick or tablet reagent for bilirubin, glucose, etc.; nonautomated, with microscopy
81001	Urinalysis by dipstick or tablet reagent; auto with micro	82670	Estradiol	85044	Blood count; reticulocyte manual
81003	Urinalysis by dipstick or tablet reagent; without micro auto	82947	Glucose; quantitative blood	85045	Blood count; reticulocyte automated
81025	Urine pregnancy test visual color compare methods	83045	Hemoglobin; methemoglobin qualitative	85384	Fibrinogen; activity
80329, 80321, 80322	Acetaminophen	83050	Hemoglobin; methemoglobin quantitative	85032	Platelet; manual count
80320, 80321, 80322	Alcohol; any specimen except breath	83690	Lipase	85049	Platelet; automated count
82140	Ammonia	83735	Magnesium	85610	Prothrombin time
82150	Amylase	84132	Potassium; serum	85384	Fibrinogen; activity
82247	Bilirubin; total	84520	Urea nitrogen; quantitative	85590	Platelet; manual count
82310	Calcium; total	84702	Gonadotropin chorionic; quantitative	85651	Sedimentation rate erythrocyte; nonautomated
82375	Carbon monoxide; quantitative	84703	Gonadotropin chorionic; qualitative	85730	Thromboplastin time partial; plasma/whole blood
82550	Creatine kinase; total	85025	Blood count; complete auto and auto differential white blood cell count	86308	Heterophile antibodies; screening
82565	Creatinine; blood	85031	Blood count; Hemogram manual complete CBC	87205	Smear, primary source with interpretation; Gram/Giemsa Stain

Any laboratory services not on the STAT lab list above, performed by a Tennessee hospital or nonparticipating laboratory, will be denied with the following: **Service billed not on Amerigroup approved STAT lab list.**

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at the toll-free phone numbers listed below:

- Medicaid providers call **1-800-454-3730**
- Medicare providers call **1-866-805-4589**