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### Provider Notification

<b>Date of Notification</b>	<b>9/1/11</b>	<b>Revision Date</b>	<b>11/1/11</b>
<b>Plans Affected</b>	<b>All Lines of Business</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Laboratory Services Network and CLIA Waived In-Office Lab Codes Effective 10/1/11</b>		

Effective with dates of service on or after October 1, 2011, Mercy Care Plan will implement changes to its laboratory services network. Please note the following updates:

- Sonora Quest Laboratories, a subsidiary of Laboratory Sciences of Arizona, will be the only provider of laboratory services for all of our Acute, DDD, ALTCS, Mercy Healthcare Group (MHG) and Mercy Care Advantage (MCA) membership. If your practice location does not presently have a relationship with Sonora Quest Laboratories, please contact their Sales Support Department at (602) 685-5285. Sonora Quest Laboratories will work closely with your practice to assure a smooth transition takes place.
- ALL genetic testing requests must be authorized in advance. The prior authorization staff will direct you to the appropriate laboratory service provider for the test that you are requesting.
- Please DO NOT send any Mercy Care members to a hospital reference laboratory for services. All laboratory testing can be provided by Sonora Quest Laboratories.
- The following **codes have been removed** from the CLIA Waived list that was previously provided as they have been determined to be **non-CLIA Waived** by AHCCCS:
  - **81000** – *Urinalysis, by dip stick or tablet reagent for bilirubin, glucose, hemoglobin ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, specific gravity, urobilinogen, any number of these constituents; non-automated, with microscopy*
  - **85025** – *Blood count; complete (CBC), automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) and automated differential WBC count*
  - **85027** - *Blood count; complete (CBC), automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count*
  - **85007** – *Blood count; blood smear, microscopic examination with manual differential WBC count*
  - **87220** - *Tissue examination by KOH slide of samples from skin, hair, or nails for fungi, or ectoparasite ova or mites (e.g., scabies)*

The above codes will no longer be allowed to be completed in-office. They must be referred to Sonora Quest Laboratories.
- Mercy Care Plan will follow AHCCCS' CLIA Waived In-Office Lab list. The following labs will be payable when performed in the physician's office:



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CPT Code	CPT Description
81002	Urinalysis, by dip stick or tablet reagent for bilirubin, glucose, hemoglobin ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, specific gravity, urobilinogen, any number of these constituents; non-automated, non-automated, without microscopy
81025	Urine pregnancy test, by visual color comparison methods
82270	Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (e.g., guaiac), qualitative; feces, consecutive collected specimens with single determination, for colorectal neoplasm screening (i.e., patient was provided 3 cards or single triple card for consecutive collection)
82962	Glucose, blood by glucose monitoring device(s) cleared by the FDA specifically for home use
83026	Hemoglobin; by copper sulfate method, non-automated
83036 QW	Hemoglobin; glycosylated (A1C)
83037 QW	Hemoglobin; glycosylated (A1C) by device cleared by FDA for home use
85013	Blood count; spun microhematocrit
85014 QW	Blood count; hematocrit (Hct)
85018 QW	Blood count; hemoglobin (Hgb)
85610 QW	Prothrombin time
85651	Sedimentation rate, erythrocyte; non-automated
86308 QW	Heterophile antibodies; screening
86580	Skin test; tuberculosis, intradermal
87210 QW	Smear, primary source with interpretation; wet mount for infectious agents (e.g., saline, India ink, KOH preps)
87804 QW	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Influenza
87880 QW	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Streptococcus, group A