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Dear Colleague,

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory Services Section (LSS) has revised several laboratory submission forms in order to implement changes made recently to rules concerning a few laboratory tests and fees. The laboratory submission form revisions will take effect September 1, 2015.

In order to avoid delays and errors in the accessioning, processing and handling of specimens submitted to the DSHS Laboratories and related billing activity; please take a moment to ensure you have the most current version of the DSHS Laboratory submission form(s) you use.

The list below details all available DSHS Laboratory Submission forms and the most current revision date for each.

DSHS Austin Laboratory:

Form Number	Form Name	Form Revision Date
G-1B	Biochemistry and Genetics Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2014
G-THSTEPS	Texas Health Steps Specimen Form (for use with THSTEPS medical check-ups only)	Sept. 2013
G-2A	Serology Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
G-2B	Bacteriology and Parasitology Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
G-2V	Virology Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
G-MCYO	Mycobacteriology/Mycology Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
G-9	Laboratory Test for Rabies	Sept. 2015
G-14	Mosquito Surveillance Adult/Larval Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2013
G-19	Water Bacteriology Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2013
G-22	Environmental/Fluoride/Microbiological Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015

G-23	Food Sample Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
G-26	Uniform Analysis for TDCJ and TJJD Specimen Submission Form	May 2014
G-27	Biothreat Environmental Specimen Submission Form	April 2013
G-27A	Emergency Preparedness Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2014

DSHS South Texas Laboratory:

Form Number	Form Name	Form Revision Date
F40-A	Chemistry Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
F40-B	Microbiology Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015
F40-C	Biothreat Specimen Submission Form	July 2014
F40-D	Emergency Preparedness Specimen Submission Form	Sept. 2015

Please note that only forms updated effective September 2015 will be included with this letter.

More information regarding the DSHS Laboratory Submission forms, including instructions and sample forms, can be found at the DSHS Laboratory website, at the following link:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/default.shtm>.

Required fields for each laboratory specimen submission form are clearly marked with a double asterisk ** and/or the words “REQUIRED”. Failure to complete all required fields may result in the submitter being billed for the testing service, regardless of the payor selected.

The DSHS Laboratories will accept ICD-9 coding through September 30, 2015 however, effective October 1, 2015, submitters must provide the appropriate ICD-10 code for the testing services requested. As a reminder, diagnosis coding (ICD-9/ICD-10) is not applicable to non-human specimen testing.

For more information regarding implementation of ICD-10, please refer to the Texas Medicaid Health Partnership (TMHP) website Provider/Code Updates page at: <http://www.tmhp.com> or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website at:
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html?redirect=/ICD10/>

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.
Sincerely,



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