

## Client Communication:

### Changes in Orderable Unit Codes – Herpes Testing

Date Issued: April 29, 2019

Effective Date: May 13, 2019

Effective Monday, May 13, 2019, Pathology Laboratories, Inc.(PathLabs) will no longer be performing the Herpes Culture (Unit Code 95010), Herpes Culture w/Reflex Typing (Unit Code 95009) and Herpes Typing (Unit Code 95012) in-house. These tests are no longer in high-demand as other state-of-the-art molecular testing is now available to identify the Herpes virus.

Beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>, these Herpes tests will be referred to an affiliate laboratory of Sonic Healthcare USA, Inc., Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (CPL) of Austin, TX. The Specimen Requirements, Specimen Transport Temperature, and the Collection Device will remain the same as well as the test methodology.

Since two (2) new unit codes will be available to order the Herpes testing from CPL, we are providing relevant information for our clients to share with their EMR vendors as is necessary in case your orders are transmitted to us via a bidirectional interface. For those sending orders to us via our Atlas internet product, Athena or Practice Fusion, we have already communicated these changes to those relevant vendors, so those databases will be updated for an effective transition.

Key changes for Herpes testing are shown below:

Orderable Code	Test Name	Retired Test Codes	Replacement Code	Replacement Test Codes	Revised Result Field	Specimen Requirements Handling Instructions	Expected Turn Around	Reference Ranges	CPT Change	Other	Page No.
95009	HERPES CULTURE (REFLEX TYPING)	X	95020								1
95012	HERPES TYPING	X	95015								1
95010	HERPES CULTURE				X		4 DAYS				2
95015	HERPES SIMPLEX TYPING			X						NEW	2
95020	HERPES SIMPLEX CULTURE AND TYPING			X						NEW	2

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Replacement Test Codes								
Orderable Code	Test Name	EMR Interface Mapping		Other				
		Result Code	Result Name (Test Components)	AOE	Reportable	LOINC	UOM	CPT
95010	CULTURE, HERPES SIMPLEX	950101	SPECIMEN SOURCE	Y	Y	31208-2		87255
		950102	HERPES CULTURE	N	Y	43697-2		
95015	HERPES SIMPLEX TYPING	95016	HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE I	N	Y	16291-7		87274
		950171	HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE II	N	Y	44484-4		87273
95020	HERPES SIMPLEX CULTURE AND TYPING	950101	SPECIMEN SOURCE	Y	Y	31208-2		87255
		950102	HERPES CULTURE	N	Y	43697-2		87274
		95016	HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE I	N	Y	16291-7		87273
		950171	HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE II	N	Y	44484-4		

**Note:** CPT codes are provided for information only and are based on PathLabs' current understanding of Medicare rules and carrier instructions and in accordance with the current issue of Physicians Current Procedural Terminology published by the American Medical Association. Medicare coding may differ from coding used by other third party payers. Questions regarding coding should be confirmed with the payer being billed. PathLabs cannot accept responsibility for the reimbursement clients may or may not receive based on the procedure codes provided.

**Our on-line Test Directory will be updated for these changes beginning Monday, May 13, 2019.**

**Please review the information and make changes as applicable to your practice/facility. If you have any questions, please contact our Client Service Department at 419-255-4600/800-281-8804 or your Account Executive.**

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