

Non-participating lab referrals

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This is a reminder to ensure that you are referring Anthem members to participating labs. Not only does your Anthem agreement obligate you to refer to participating labs where available, but members will only receive their full benefits from participating providers. As a result, referring your patient and our member to a non-participating lab may expose them to a greater financial responsibility.

Unfortunately, there are certain non-participating labs that are offering to waive or cap co-payments, coinsurance or deductibles to our members in order to increase their overall revenue. These practices undermine member benefits and may encourage over-utilization of services.

These billing practices are also questionable in their legality. Such a practice may present violations under state or federal anti-kickback laws, and may constitute abuse of health insurance under the Colorado criminal code.

For a listing of Anthem participating laboratories, please check our online directory. Go to **anthem.com**. Choose Select **Providers**, and **Providers Overview**. Select **Find Resources in Your State**, and pick **Colorado**. From the **Provider Home** tab, select the **enter** button from the blue box on the left side of page titled **Find a Doctor**.

Note: When searching for laboratory, pathology, or radiology services, under the field “*I am looking for a:*” select **Lab/Pathology/Radiology**; and then under the field “*Who specializes in:*”, select **Laboratories**, **Pathology**, or **Radiology** as appropriate for your inquiry.

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LabCorp is capable of providing services that range from routine testing, such as basic blood counts and cholesterol tests, to highly complex diagnosing of genetic conditions, cancers, and other rare diseases. LabCorp has specialized laboratories which cover the following areas of testing:

- Allergy Program
- Cancer Testing
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Companion Diagnostics
- Dermatology
- Diabetes
- DNA Testing
- Endocrine Disorders
- Esoteric Coagulation
- Gastroenterology
- Genetic Testing
- Genetic Counseling
- Genomics
- HLA Lab for National Marrow Donor Program
- Hematopathology
- Infectious Disease
- Immunology
- Liver Disease
- Kidney Disease
- Medical Drug Monitoring
- Molecular Diagnostics
- Newborn Screening
- Pain Management
- Pathology Expertise w/range of Subspecialties
- Pharmacogenomics
- Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis
- Reproductive Health
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Oncology
- Toxicology
- Whole Exome Sequencing
- Virology
- Women's Health
- Urology

Note: This relationship with LabCorp **does not affect** network hospital-based lab service providers, contracted pathologists, or contracted independent laboratories.

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