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Upcoming changes to our outpatient laboratory provider network

Dear Doctor and/or other Health Care Provider:

I am writing to notify you of an upcoming change to the AmeriHealth HMO, Inc. and AmeriHealth Insurance Company of New Jersey (collectively, AmeriHealth New Jersey) outpatient laboratory provider network beginning October 1, 2017, and to inform you of resources that are available to you regarding this change.

Outpatient laboratory provider network changes

Beginning October 1, 2017, AmeriHealth New Jersey will begin a phased approach to make Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp) the exclusive nationally based provider of outpatient laboratory services for AmeriHealth New Jersey members as of May 1, 2018.

AmeriHealth New Jersey will be ending its contracts with the following laboratories as outlined below:

- **Quest Diagnostics™ (Quest).** Effective October 1, 2017, the contract ends for AmeriHealth New Jersey health plans, and Quest will be an out-of-network provider.
- **BioReference Laboratories (BioReference).** Effective March 1, 2018, the contract ends for AmeriHealth New Jersey health plans, and BioReference will be an out-of-network provider.
- **Health Network Laboratories® (Health Network).** Effective May 1, 2018, the contract ends for AmeriHealth New Jersey health plans, and Health Network will be an out-of-network provider.

This change applies to all AmeriHealth New Jersey product lines and members (HMO, HMO Plus, POS, POS Plus, PPO, and EPO), including individual and group commercial members and AmeriHealth Administrators.

Why we are making this change

Health care has been undergoing rapid, remarkable change, spurred by implementation of the health care reform law, an increasing focus on the individual consumer, and continuing cost pressures. In late 2016, AmeriHealth New Jersey initiated a project to evaluate an exclusive national outpatient laboratory network concept, which has been effective in helping other insurers contain medical costs without affecting quality. Our relationship with LabCorp, a leading national laboratory, will allow for enhanced clinical initiatives to improve patient care without reducing access to participating outpatient labs.

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Use an in-network outpatient laboratory provider

As a reminder, your Professional Provider Agreement with AmeriHealth New Jersey requires you to direct members and/or their lab specimens to an in-network outpatient laboratory provider, except in an emergency, as otherwise described in the applicable Benefit Program Requirements, or as otherwise required by law.

More information about this change

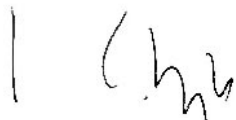
We encourage you to review the information posted on the LabCorp-dedicated section of our Provider News Center at www.amerihealth.com/pnc/lab. This section contains resources specific to our provider network, including:

- frequently asked questions;
- a list of LabCorp's patient service centers;
- a list of other currently contracted laboratories that will remain in our network in addition to LabCorp;
- an archive of communications related to this change.

If you have any questions after reviewing the resources, please email us at providercommunications@amerihealth.com.

Thank you for participating in our network and for delivering quality care to our members, your patients.

Sincerely,



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