

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Laboratory Providers**

**Date: May 1, 2021**

**Subject: Reimbursement guidelines for Sexually Transmitted Infection Tests**

**Summary: Effective July 1, 2021, AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania will reimburse providers with the rate for a more comprehensive code when three single tests used to detect sexually transmitted infections in men and women are billed together by the same provider on the same date of service.**

The plan will reimburse for the following single tests for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) in men and women:

- 87491 - Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Chlamydia trachomatis, amplified probe technique
- 87591 - Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Neisseria gonorrhoea, amplified probe technique
- 87661 - Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Trichomonas vaginalis, amplified probe technique

When all three single test codes (87491, 87591, and 87661) are billed separately for the same provider and the same date of service, the reimbursement will be based on the rate for the comprehensive test (87801). Procedure code 87801 is a more comprehensive, multiple organism code for infectious agent detection by nucleic acid.

- 87801 - Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA, multiple organisms).

This policy is strictly to provide clear reimbursement guidelines and is not intended to change provider billing/coding behavior. Providers should bill for the underlying single tests performed during the patient's visit in accordance with appropriate coding guidelines.

**Exemptions: None.**

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at 1-800-521-6007.