Update

February 1, 2018
Mercy Clinical Laboratory has made the decision to align with Mayo Medical Laboratories, located in Rochester, Minnesota. Over the course of the next few months, we will be converting tests to Mayo Medical Laboratories. Below are changes that require specimen collection and/or billing changes. Any interface code changes will be sent separately to your IT contacts.

Changes effective Immediately
Test Name: Aldolase (ALD)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Medical Laboratories
CPT: 82085
Specimen Requirements: Serum from Red Top
Minimum Volume: 1 mL
Stability: Refrigerated 7 days, Frozen 14 days
Rejection Criteria: Serum Gel Tube, Gross Hemolysis, Lipemia, and Icterus samples.
Client List Price: $25
Patient/Insurance Price: $25

Changes effective February 5, 2018
Test Name: Aspergillus Galactomannan Antigen (ASGAG)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Medical Laboratories
CPT: 87305
Specimen Requirements: Gold SST or Red Top
Minimum Volume: 2 mL
Stability: Refrigerated 14 days and Frozen 14 days.
Rejection Criteria: Gross Hemolysis and Lipemia.
Client List Price: $42.85
Patient/Insurance Price: $42.85
Other Notes: Avoid exposure of specimen to atmosphere. Do not aliquot specimen. Send specimen in original tube.

Test Name: MCL Calcium Ionized (MCLCAION)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Medical Laboratories
CPT: 82330
Specimen Requirements: Gold SST, Full tube.
Minimum Volume: Tube has to be 50% full.
Stability: Refrigerated 7 days
Rejection Criteria: Tubes less than 50% full, Specimens that have been aliquoted, opened, or poorly centrifuged. Gross Hemolysis.
Client List Price: $25
Patient/Insurance Price: $25
Other Notes: Allow blood to clot for 30 minutes. Specimen must be centrifuged within 1 hour of draw time. Keep specimen anaerobic do not aliquot.
MCL Reminders

Treponemal Antibody Test change on January 16, 2018

MCL replaced the Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) syphilis test with the Treponemal antibody test on January 16, 2018. The American Medical Association 2017 CPT code specifically states that the 80081 - Obstetric Panel cannot be offered if the treponemal antibody test is utilized. The 80081 Obstetric Panel will no longer be available to order from MCL after January 16, 2018. Please order the individual test codes necessary for your patient's care.

Acceptable specimens for Respiratory Panel by PCR

The following specimens are acceptable for this panel: nasal wash (1ml added to the Viral Transport Media), nasopharyngeal swab (green top), foam swab or a flocked swab put in Viral Transport Media. A culturette swab (white top made of cotton) in a Viral Transport Media is not acceptable and will be rejected.

Thank you for choosing Mercy Clinical Laboratory.