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TODAY'S MESSAGE

ATTENTION ORDERING PHYSICIANS, LABS, HOSPITAL LABS:

LAB MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION DATE CHANGE

As previously announced, Highmark has partnered with eviCore to ensure our members are receiving the most clinically appropriate laboratory testing. We'd like to share an important update to the Lab Management Program.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT NOW EFFECTIVE AUG.1

The requirement for prior authorization for certain molecular and genomic tests when performed in an outpatient setting for fully insured Commercial, Affordable Care Act and Medicare Advantage members will now be effective with dates of service on or after Aug. 1, 2016.

We have made his change to allow more time to prepare for the prior authorization requirement.

CLAIMS REVIEW STILL EFFECTIVE AUG. 1

The requirement that all claims associated with molecular and genomic procedure codes be reviewed for accuracy and medical necessity, based on eviCore's policies, will still begin on Aug. 1, 2016.

For quick reference, the Lab Management Program will launch on the following dates:

Requirement	Effective with dates of service on or after:
Prior authorization	Aug. 1, 2016
Claims review according to eviCore policies	Aug. 1, 2016

We appreciate your cooperation in this program to help provide appropriate care for our members.

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