

## **ANNUAL NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS:**

1. Medicare only pays for medically necessary testing, and only pays for screening services on a limited basis (the Medicare Medical Necessity Policy).
2. A list of the individual components of all profiles and panels can be found in the PAML Test Directory at [www.paml.com](http://www.paml.com).
3. The CPT codes that will be used to bill Medicare and other payers for each such profile or each component of a test are listed in the PAML Test Directory at [www.paml.com](http://www.paml.com).
4. To obtain Medicare National or Local Coverage Decisions as well as other billing assistance, please go to [www.paml.com](http://www.paml.com) and under “Featured Areas” go to Support Services/Billing Services/Billing Guide. Hard copies of such policies are available upon request from PAML’s Billing Department.
5. The current Medicare laboratory fee schedule is available upon request from PAML’s Billing Department.
6. Organ or disease-related panels will only be billed and will only be paid when all components are medically necessary.
7. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) takes the position that an individual who knowingly causes a false claim to be submitted may be subject to sanctions or remedies available under civil, criminal and administrative law.
8. The name and contact information for PAML Medical Directors as well as Technical Directors in each laboratory specialty can be found on [www.paml.com](http://www.paml.com) under the “About Us” tab/PAML Contact List. These individuals are available as clinical consultants to assist providers in ordering/interpreting appropriate tests for each patient. Other key PAML contacts/resources are also available at this site.
9. Additional compliance-related information can be located at [www.paml.com](http://www.paml.com) under the “About Us” tab/Compliance.