



PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES  
CATHOLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

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**RE: PAML HOSPITAL CLIENTS REQUESTING SPECIMENS TO BE SENT TO OUTSIDE REFERENCE LABORATORIES**

It has been PAML's policy to send specimens to any reference laboratory the ordering hospital may request. Many of the tests ordered from these laboratories have very low or no reimbursement from Medicare/Medicaid and Third Party payors. These labs have been designated as Specimen Handling Only. Results and Billing will not come through PAML.

As a courtesy, PAML will provide the requested reference lab with the necessary billing information that you provide, so they can bill the client or patient directly for the services. We will charge the hospital the appropriate handling fee.

Below is a list of the current laboratories that PAML has designated as Specimen Handling Only. As a reminder, the results will be returned to the ordering hospital by the requested reference laboratory and the bill will go to whomever the hospital has specified.

- Athena Diagnostics
- Berkeley Heart Lab
- Counsyl, Inc.
- Crescendo Bioscience
- Diagnos-Techs, Inc. (DTI)
- Exagen Diagnostics
- Genova Diagnostics
- InterScience Institute
- Myriad Genetic Laboratories Inc
- Prometheus
- Signature Genomics
- Spectracell Laboratories
- US BioTek Laboratories Inc

Please be aware this list may be updated as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact PAML Client Services 1-800-349-8586 or contact your current marketing representative.

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