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TO: Laboratory Services Providers

FROM: *Susan J. Tucker*
Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Diagnosis Code Requirement

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal

Effective January 1, 2016, all laboratories will be required to include a valid diagnosis code on all claims that are submitted to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) for reimbursement. An ICD-10 diagnosis code will be required when submitting claims for laboratory services rendered on or after January 1, 2016. Failure to report a valid diagnosis code will result in a denial of the claim.

If you have any questions regarding the requirement of the inclusion of a valid diagnosis code on all laboratory claims, please contact Earl Tucker, Supervisor for the Department of Dental, Clinic and Laboratory Services at 410-767-4078 or at earl.tucker@maryland.gov.