

MISC Test Request Update

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UPDATE TO MISC TEST PROCESS

Effective October 1, 2021, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will be updating the miscellaneous laboratory test (MISC) request process. PDL will no longer be accommodating the special requests to send testing directly to a referral lab that is not our primary referral lab, LabCorp (LCA).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is PDL making this change?

1. LabCorp has a comprehensive test menu supported by their extensive laboratory network which includes many specialty laboratories. LCA is also able to re-refer tests to laboratories outside of the LCA network if appropriate. Here is a short list of specialty laboratories either in the LCA network or part of the re-referral network:

a. Colorado Coagulation	g. National Jewish
b. Endocrine Sciences	h. University of Washington
c. Esoterix	i. University of Texas
d. Integrated Genetics	j. Mira Vista
e. MedTox Laboratories	k. Mayo
f. Sequenom	

2. Workflow efficiency for improved turnaround time and management of the miscellaneous test process. By utilizing LabCorp for MISC requests it allows for improved management of the full process including receipt of orders, specimen submission, delivery of results as well as test billing.

What qualifies as a miscellaneous test?

A miscellaneous test is a test that PDL does not have built in our test compendium. In order to request the test it is submitted under a miscellaneous code (As an example: LAB000 Miscellaneous Laboratory Test/LAB8262 Miscellaneous Test Electronic Order/LAB9692 Miscellaneous LabCorp Test).

Are there exceptions?

Specimens submitted for testing to be done by either Athena or Prometheus are sent directly to these laboratories. PDL acts as a passthrough only. Athena and Prometheus are fully responsible for specimen processing, testing, result distribution as well as billing.

My office does not have all of the PDL test compendium available in my Electronic Medical Record (EMR), will tests submitted to PDL under the MISC code where PDL has a code fall into this process change?

No. Submissions under the MISC code where PDL has an existing code will have the MISC code canceled and the test will be ordered by PDL under the correct code. We encourage providers to work with their EMR resources to add codes to their system that are ordered frequently this way to improve overall efficiency to the process.

What order code should be used to submit a miscellaneous test?

Test Name	PDL Code	Test Code	Interface code
Miscellaneous LabCorp Test	LAB9692	1230112442	MISLCN

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT (805) 879-8100

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