



### **MEDICARE BILLING INFORMATION**

Medicare billing policy prevents us from submitting a Medicare claim for laboratory testing referred to us on hospital inpatients or hospital outpatients. For these samples, we will bill the sending location.

### **HCFA MEDICAL NECESSITY INFORMATION**

It is our policy to provide health care providers with the ability to order only those lab tests medically necessary for the individual patient and to ensure that the convenience of ordering standard panels and custom profiles does not impact this ability. While we recognize the value of this convenience, indiscriminate use of panels and profiles can lead to ordering tests that are not medically necessary. Therefore, all tests offered in our panels and profiles can be ordered individually as well. If a component test is not listed individually on the request form, it may be written in the "OTHER REQUESTS" box. We encourage you to order individual tests or a less inclusive profile when not all of the tests included in the panel or profile are medically necessary for the individual patient.