

LABORATORY BILLING - ICD10 CODE UPDATE

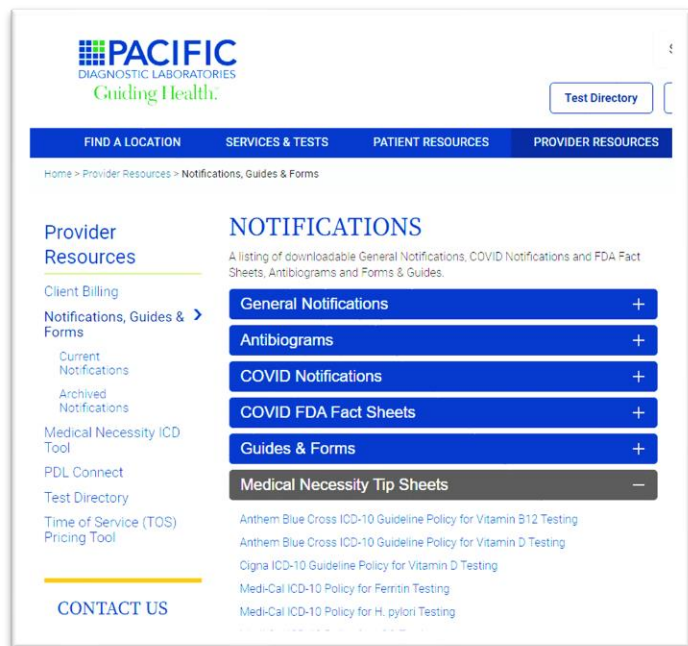
Dear Valued client:

This notice is being provided to inform you of an upcoming Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) change to ICD10 coding requirements related to United Healthcare (UHC) that will go into effect July 1, 2023.

UHC Change:	UHC recently increased enforcement of medical necessity policies that mirror Medicare for UHC health insurance plans. As a result, the volume of UHC denials PDL has received has increased significantly.
PDL Response to UHC Change:	Effective July 1, 2023, PDL will require ICD10 coding for UHC insurance plans that aligns with Medicare policies.
Provider Office Impact:	Your office may begin to see an increase of requests to provide PDL with ICD10 codes for testing submitted under UHC health insurance plans.

Laboratory ICD10 Coding Reminders:

- *It is the responsibility of the ordering provider to provide appropriate diagnostic coding for a test.*
- *If a test is being ordered for diagnostic reasons that are not covered under Medicare policy, an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) form is required.*
- *Compliance laws prohibit PDL from providing ICD10 codes for laboratory tests.*
- *PDL has Medical Necessity Tip Sheets for specific tests (based on CMS guidance) available on our website to assist your office.*



We value your business and understand that laboratory billing is complex. We are committed to continued communications and providing resources such as Medical Necessity Tip Sheets to assist your offices.

Please contact your PDL sales representative if you would like a set of the Tip Sheets.