



GATEWAY HEALTH: Expansion of Genetic Testing Available at Preferred Lab Facilities

Effective April 10, 2017, LabCorp and Quest clinical and specialty testing laboratories will now offer Gateway Health members and providers a robust menu of the most frequently requested genetic tests. The providers who are most prone to request these tests, include at a minimum, oncologists, hematologists, geneticists and neurologists that treat Gateway Medicaid and Medicare members at risk for conditions including, but not limited to leukemia, breast cancer and cystic fibrosis. Gateway members authorized to receive genetic testing can have these tests requested by Gateway par and non-par providers and performed at LabCorp, Quest or hospital par labs.

As a part of this new process, providers, including par labs and hospitals, will need to follow certain steps in order to be reimbursed for genetic testing:

- Beginning April 10 providers will need to select a par lab (LabCorp, Quest or par hospital lab) to perform the requested and approved genetic testing for Gateway patients.
- A prior authorization is always required for genetic testing and the par lab needs to request the authorization.
- If a hospital is requesting genetic testing for a Gateway patient and has the test sent to an outside lab, the hospital must pay for this service. Gateway will not pay for the testing to be sent out.
- If the hospital is providing the genetic testing, it will need to be performed and billed to Gateway from your facility.
- In addition, Gateway will activate existing par providers for any new genetic testing that is authorized.

If you have additional questions about the expanded and updated genetic testing policy, please contact your Gateway Provider Relations Representative or call 1.800.392.1147 for Medicaid inquiries or 1.800.685.5209 for Medicare inquiries.

