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TO: Independent Clinical Laboratories - **For Action**
Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Updated Reimbursement for Any COVID Labs Covered by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS)**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after October 1, 2024

PURPOSE: To advise providers regarding a change in reimbursement for any COVID labs covered by DMAHS

BACKGROUND: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 required State Medicaid and CHIP programs to provide coverage of COVID-19 labs without cost-sharing through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency. During the public health emergency, New Jersey FamilyCare (NJFC)/Medicaid aligned its reimbursement for COVID-19 labs with the Medicare rate.

After the expiration of the temporary federal requirements around COVID-19 vaccinations on September 30, 2024, NJFC/Medicaid shall continue to provide coverage and reimbursement for COVID-19 labs without member cost sharing. However, DMAHS is changing the reimbursement rate for COVID-19 labs to align with rates paid for other labs covered by NJFC/Medicaid.

ACTIONS: Effective for claims with service dates on or after October 1, 2024, the Medicaid fee allowance for any COVID labs covered by DMAHS shall not exceed 80 percent of the Medicare fee allowance for these labs.

If there are any questions, please contact the Gainwell Technologies Provider Services Unit at 1-800-776-6334.

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