ProMedica Laboratories Reflex Testing Policy

ProMedica Laboratories performs and bills only the testing that is medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of a patient as supported by request from an authorized physician or practitioner. ProMedica Laboratories has a subset of orderable tests that may include multiple component tests or that may reflex to additional testing. This testing will be performed if applicable to the primary testing order or results. Reflex testing is limited to testing that contributes to the clinical value of the primary testing and it is performed under the direction of the Pathologist. ProMedica Laboratories does not bill for both calculated results and the tests used to perform the calculation.

*Component tests* are always performed when a particular lab service is ordered. For example, when an Allergy Panel is ordered, a Total IgE is always included because the Total IgE is necessary to interpret the results of the allergen specific IgE assays.

*Reflex tests* are performed as a result of positive or abnormal primary test results. For example, when a Blood Culture is positive, additional biochemical, serological and/or molecular testing and antibiotic susceptibility testing may be performed.

See “Component and Reflex Tests List” for a description of specific criteria used to include or reflex tests with particular laboratory services.