

Public Health Laboratory Testing Reimbursement Services



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Challenge

The Affordable Care Act allows public health laboratories to be reimbursed for specimen testing. Due to COVID-19, laboratories have seen a tremendous increase in testing volume, and the demand for testing will increase exponentially in the months ahead. But funding for diagnostic testing remains severely constrained, and public health laboratories must contend with a lack of administrative mechanisms or resources to secure reimbursement for specimen testing.

Solution

Leveraging third-party reimbursement for laboratory services can aid public health laboratories in providing and sustaining essential testing services and disease prevention programs and carry out core functions that are essential to community health.

UMass Medical School's Commonwealth Medicine has experience providing comprehensive administrative and billing solutions that have enabled the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) to seek reimbursement from government or commercial health insurers whenever possible for specimen testing for sexually transmitted diseases and blood lead. To date, our administrative and billing services have generated over \$4.4 million in revenue to the Massachusetts SPHL.

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Why Choose Us?

Our Health Care Finance Solutions team performs cost avoidance and revenue recovery projects on behalf of municipal and state health care and public assistance agencies. Each year, our expertise in third-party reimbursement successfully returns more than \$1.2 billion in revenue for our public sector clients. In this way, we help create sustainable revenue streams to fund a wide range of existing and new public health programs aimed at improving the lives of beneficiaries by helping them secure benefits to which they are entitled.

Commonwealth Medicine has more than 20 years of experience delivering successful health system transformation. With collective expertise and insight in health care finance and reimbursement, clinical operations, informatics, law, and policy. We help public health leaders craft inventive, sustainable solutions to systemic challenges. We are distinguished by our:

- Deep understanding of the intricacies of publicly funded health care and other entitlement programs
- Tremendous depth and breadth of integrated product offerings in the public benefit arena as compared to private sector vendors
- Ability to operationalize and customize our services to meet the varying needs of local and state public clients
- Commitment to the highest standards of data security, integrity, and confidentiality in all our operations