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Re: Molecular Stool Culture Testing for BCBS Patients

Based on your condition and clinical indications, your healthcare provider has determined that you are a candidate for medical necessary testing for a stool culture. The Pathology Lab's preferred methodology is molecular testing using PCR technology to help identify microorganisms and potential treatment options. There are two options below for testing. Please choose one.

OPTION 1: Although the stool culture (CPT* Code 87506) is covered by many commercial insurance carriers and Medicare, your insurance provider may not cover this test. If this test is ordered and your insurance plan does not adequately reimburse for the cost to perform the test, you may be financially responsible.

If your insurance plan denies payment, the most that you will be billed for the Stool Culture is \$180.
If you are unable to pay the balance in full, please contact our Billing Department at 337-436-3688 to make financial arrangements with our customer care team.

I, the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that I may be responsible for payment of services as outlined above and agree to pay for any services deemed to be non-covered or not authorized by my health plan.

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____

Legal Guardian Name (if patient is a minor): _____ DOB: _____

Patient or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTION 2: Secondly, the Path Lab can send your specimen to another reference lab so it may be tested using a conventional method. The conventional method will require a longer turn-around time, but **may be** covered by your insurance provider. Your insurance will be billed \$145 to \$211 for conventional testing.

I, the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that my specimen will be sent to another reference lab for conventional testing. I understand that the turn-around time of resulting may be delayed.

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____

Legal Guardian Name (if patient is a minor): _____ DOB: _____

Patient or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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"Providing High Quality Pathology Services, With Superior Customer Satisfaction"