

## EFFECTIVE 08/01/2020

Dear Client:

A few months ago, we sent you information regarding UnitedHealthcare (UHC) new requirement effective July 1, 2020 related to testing for Bacterial Vaginosis, Group B Strep, etc.

Per UHC's Molecular & Genetic Testing Notification policy, the following tests require PRIOR AUTHORIZATION which must be performed from the referring clinicians' office.

- » Candida Species (87481)
- » BV Expanded Panel (87801)
- » Gardnerella Vaginalis (87511)
- » Group B Strep (87652)
- » Trichomonas Vaginalis (87661)

Effective 8/1/2020, UHC <u>removed</u> Group B Strep from this requirement. Prior Authorization is no longer required for this test (87652)

Please remember, this is a UnitedHealthcare (UHC) requirement and affects all laboratories performing these tests. Beacon LBS is managing this process for UHC and can be reached at 800-377-8809 or askbeacon@beaconlbs.com.

This is an added burden on all of us and we continue to work with various organizations to try to have this requirement reviewed. We urge your physicians to contact American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) at 800-673-8444 or in writing to P.O. Box 96920, Washington, DC 20024-9998 regarding United's policy and request their involvement to have the prior authorization requirement removed.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in ProPath for your patient's pathology needs.

Regards,

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