



NATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES

March 29, 2006

RE: Emergency Test Change Notification

Dear Valued Client:

The enclosed data packet details important information regarding a number of test codes requiring database modifications. **Please be advised that these are urgent changes due to a reagent/kit discontinuation by our supplier for our LSD assay. These changes are effective April 3, 2006.**

Please use this packet of information to update your computer systems/records. Updating your systems/records is important to ensure standardization of our mutual laboratory databases.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions about the information contained in this packet, please call our Client Support Department at (866) 522-2206.

Sincerely,

National Medical Services, Inc.

Database Changes - Summary

Categories:

- I: Method/CPT Code, Units, Scope of Analysis and Specimen
- II: Requirements
- III: Deleted tests

Test Code	Test Name	Category		
		I	II	III
1870U	Drugs and Intoxicants, Urine (Forensic)	•		
1880U	Drug Panel (ATC), Urine	•		
2541B	LSD Screen, Blood	•		
2541FL	LSD Screen, Fluid	•		
2541SP	LSD Screen, Serum/Plasma	•		
2541TI	LSD Screen, Tissue	•		
2541U	LSD Screen, Urine	•		
6926H	LSD, Hair (Forensic)			•
8334B	LSD, Blood (Forensic)	•		
8334SP	LSD, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	•		
8334U	LSD, Urine (Forensic)	•		
8758B	Hallucinogens Screen, Blood (Forensic)	•		
8758SP	Hallucinogens Screen, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	•		
8758U	Hallucinogens Screen, Urine (Forensic)	•		
8760B	Hallucinogens Profile 2, Blood (Forensic)	•		
8760SP	Hallucinogens Profile 2, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	•		
8760U	Hallucinogens Profile 2, Urine (Forensic)	•		

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TEST CHANGES – CATEGORY I

Method/CPT Code, Units of Measurement, Scope of Analysis and Specimen Requirements

Test Code	Test Name	Method/CPT Code Changes	Unit Changes
1880U	Drug Panel (ATC), Urine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Creatinine • pH • Nitrite • Opiates • Cocaine • Benzodiazepines • Cannabinoids • Amphetamines • Barbiturates • Phencyclidine LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
1870U	Drugs and Intoxicants, Urine (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salicylates • Phenothiazines • Bromide • Acetaminophen • LSD • Ethanol • Opiates • Cocaine/Metabolites • Benzodiazepines • Cannabinoids • Amphetamines • Barbiturates • Methadone • Phencyclidine • Propoxyphene LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	

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8760B	Hallucinogens Profile 2, Blood (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Cocaine/Metabolites • Amphetamines • Phencyclidine • Cannabinoids • Procyclidine • Methylenedioxymethamphetamine • Mescaline • Caffeine • Ketamine • Methylenedioxyamphetamine • Chlorphentermine • Mephentermine • Phentermine • Benzphetamine • Phencyclidine • Dimethyltryptamine • Amphetamine • Methamphetamine LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8760SP	Hallucinogens Profile 2, Serum/Plasma (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Cocaine/Metabolites • Amphetamines • Phencyclidine • Cannabinoids • Procyclidine • Methylenedioxymethamphetamine • Mescaline • Caffeine • Ketamine • Methylenedioxyamphetamine • Chlorphentermine • Mephentermine • Phentermine • Benzphetamine • Phencyclidine • Dimethyltryptamine • Amphetamine • Methamphetamine • Bufotenine • Psilocin LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	

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8760U	Hallucinogens Profile 2, Urine (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Cocaine/Metabolites • Amphetamines • Phencyclidine • Cannabinoids • Procyclidine • Methylenedioxymethamphetamine • Mescaline • Caffeine • Ketamine • Methylenedioxyamphetamine • Chlorphentermine • Mephentermine • Phentermine • Benzphetamine • Phencyclidine • Dimethyltryptamine • Amphetamine • Methamphetamine LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8758B	Hallucinogens Screen, Blood (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Cocaine/Metabolites • Amphetamines • Phencyclidine • Cannabinoids LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8758SP	Hallucinogens Screen, Serum/Plasma (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Cocaine/Metabolites • Amphetamines • Phencyclidine • Cannabinoids LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8758U	Hallucinogens Screen, Urine (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • Cocaine/Metabolites • Amphetamines • Phencyclidine • Cannabinoids LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	

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2541B	LSD Screen, Blood • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
2541FL	LSD Screen, Fluid • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
2541SP	LSD Screen, Serum/Plasma • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
2541TI	LSD Screen, Tissue • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
2541U	LSD Screen, Urine • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8334B	LSD, Blood (Forensic) • LSD • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8334SP	LSD, Serum/Plasma (Forensic) • LSD • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	
8334U	LSD, Urine (Forensic) • LSD • LSD LSD method was changed.	IA (80101)	

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REFERENCE COMMENT CHANGES – CATEGORY III

Test Code	Test Name / Compound	New Reference Comment
6926H	LSD, Hair (Forensic) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hair	<p>Head Hair: Hair collected from the back of the head grows at a rate of approximately 1 centimeter (cm) per month with some individual variability.</p> <p>Body Hair: Body hair grows at a rate of approximately 0.5 centimeters (cm) per month. However, because body hair has a longer period of growth latency, the period of time represented by any portion of body hair is more variable than for head hair.</p> <p>Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) and Immunoassay (IA) on two separate aliquots of the submitted Hair specimen.</p>