



# Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

## **Avalon Laboratory Benefit Management Program Updated Launch Date: March 23, 2023 (Marketplace)**

The launch date for the Avalon laboratory benefit management program for Marketplace has been updated to 3/23/2023. At that time, Molina will implement a laboratory benefit management program to ensure the consistent application of laboratory policies, while remaining provider and member friendly, through an automated review of high-volume, low-cost lab tests.

### **Laboratory Benefit Management Program Details:**

The laboratory benefit management program impacts providers referring to and performing lab services.

For dates of service on and after 3/23/2023 post-service automated review of lab charges will be conducted for services performed in office, hospital outpatient and independent laboratory places of services. Molina's review will focus on consistency with our lab policies, guidelines and industry standardized rules, including, but not limited to:

- Evaluation of services for adherence with policy criteria
- Assessment of clinical appropriateness based upon diagnoses and frequencies
- Evaluating services considered experimental and/or investigational
- Review for appropriateness based on code-specific allowances under Molina policies and guidelines when multiple units are billed

### **Supporting Information Available:**

All associated lab policies will be published in the "Policies" area of the MolinaHealthcare.com website. <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/wa/medicaid/policies/payment.aspx>

If you have questions regarding this program, please reach out to the Molina Provider Contact Center at (855) 322-4082.

**Thank you for serving Molina members.**