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To: South Zone – West
Physician Offices, Physician Clinics, ALL Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone (West)

Re: Slide Holders Product Change for Submission of Genital Smears to the Laboratory

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Key Messages:

- Effective immediately, use **CLEAR** plastic slide holders for the submission of genital smears.
- New and improved clear slide holders are available.
- The clear slide holder replaces the pink slide holder.
- Pink slide holders will be removed from service.

Why this is important:

- This is a product change. Pink slide holders are no longer available from the vendor.

Action Required:

- The ordering practice remains the same.
- Submit genital smears in CLEAR slide holders.
- Do NOT discard the CLEAR slide holders.

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