

# **Laboratory Bulletin**

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To: South Zone – West

**Physicians** 

From: AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone (West)

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Re: LB-17-11 Updated Laboratory & Microbiology Request Form 101940

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## **Key Messages:**

The General Laboratory and Microbiology Request form # 101940 has had a major revision.

The key changes are:

- Addition of a box for the "copy to" physician to indicate location/address information
- Full demographics area added to the Microbiology side of the form.
- Removal of the lab/site location information.

Please discard any old versions of this form.

#### Why this is important:

These revisions were needed to comply with accreditation standards and the newly implemented Sample and Test Acceptance Guidelines. We are finding that physician offices print the Microbiology side only from their physician office systems when they do not have other work to order and this side did not have complete demographic information that the laboratory requires.

## **Effective Date:**

Back orders will be filled with new stock. Product will be in the warehouse July 14 for new orders. Physician Office System vendors will be supplied with an electronic PDF copy of the requisition to update their systems.

## Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by

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