



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **Lab Payments for Uninsured Individuals Accessing Ambulatory Substance Use Services**

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This alert is to clarify questions regarding payment of drug tests for the uninsured populations. The State has authorized Beacon to reimburse providers for laboratory services for eligible uninsured individuals under the same terms and conditions as individuals under Medicaid. Providers are reminded to be conservative with the use of public funds and that drug screening, while an important clinical tool, should be used only to the point of clinical necessity. See the attached Medicaid lab transmittal which contains important information on lab requirements. Two key points: 1) Providers should never use a pre-checked lab order form, and 2) not all presumptive positive screens need to be sent out for confirmatory tests. If you are unsure of how to effectively manage lab testing after reviewing the attached document, please send questions to: [mdproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:mdproviderrelations@beaconhealthoptions.com)