

Panel Ordering

All tests within any panel **can be ordered individually**. We encourage physicians to order tests selectively as per the needs of the patient.

If the panel code is ordered, the medical review decisions will be based on the medical necessity of the panel and the medical record should show justification for the specific panel ordered.

Refer to each laboratory specific Palmetto Health Laboratory test requisition form; review on line the LCD and NCD requirements for Laboratory testing on www.palmettohealth.org;, or call the designated laboratory for questions regarding panels offered.

The Panel Chart is provided as a guide of tests currently offered in each AMA approved panel and to assist you to avoid ordering overlapping panels or duplicate tests.

- ✓ We do not offer other variations of these AMA panels.
- ✓ If a panel is requested that is not offered by Palmetto Health Labs, a call will be placed to the physician's office to verify the test requested.
- ✓ Customized panels are available upon request; however, they can only be ordered by the physician(s) who agrees to sign a contract with the hospital annually outlining the CMS guidelines. CMS guidelines must be followed and support medical necessity in order to be covered.
- ✓ If one of the AMA panels is ordered, it will be billed by the panel CPT code only.
- ✓ If there are overlapping panels, efforts will be made to order panels and/or individual tests to assure there is not duplicate billing.
- ✓ If individual tests are ordered that do not include all tests within the panel, Palmetto Health will bill them individually. If these are tests within the CMS automated profile list, Medicare will bundle them and pay according to the CMS automated profile reimbursement fee schedule.