



**Topic of the Month**  
**June 2016**

**Laboratory Services**

All MedStar Family Choice Products offer benefits for laboratory services. Providers must use an in-network laboratory for the member's product as identified below.

	<b>Medicare Choice</b>	<b>MedStar Select</b>	<b>Maryland HealthChoice</b>	<b>DC Healthy Families</b>	<b>DC Alliance</b>
<b>MedStar Health Laboratories</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>			
<b>Quest Diagnostics</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>LabCorp</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

Providers may refer members to any laboratory service center covered under the member's product as outlined above. Members who are directed to a laboratory service center must be sent with a lab requisition form or a script that includes test orders and diagnosis.

Although lab service centers are available, it may be more convenient for members to have their specimens drawn in their physician's office. MedStar Family Choice will reimburse a lab draw fee when specimens are drawn in an office, however, all labs must be sent to the appropriate laboratory for processing.

***\*It is important to note:***

- Precision Toxicology and RealTox are examples of non-par laboratories for all of our products.
- AACU Reference Medical Diagnostic, Solstas and Quest Diagnostics services may **NOT** be utilized for **Maryland HealthChoice Medicaid** members. Providers must continue to use LabCorp.
- If you are unsure about the participating status of the laboratory that is used by your practice contact Provider Relations for assistance.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this communication, please contact Provider Relations at or 1-800-905-1722 (MD), 1-855-210-2603 (DC) or email MFC-ProviderRelations2@MedStar.net.