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**TO:** Physicians Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Wendy E. Warring, Commissioner  
**RE:** **Elimination of PCC Referral Requirement for Clinical Laboratory Tests**

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**Background** Currently, when a primary care clinician (PCC) refers a plan member to a specialist who then orders clinical laboratory tests, the laboratory must include the member's PCC referral number on the MassHealth claim. This requirement has been a problem for laboratories.

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**Reduction of Administrative Burden** As part of the Division's efforts to reduce administrative burdens for MassHealth providers, the Division has reviewed the PCC referral policy and has determined that PCC referrals will no longer be required for clinical laboratory services.

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**Elimination of Referral Requirement** Effective for dates of service beginning December 1, 2001, the Division will no longer require a PCC referral number on claims for payment of clinical laboratory services provided to MassHealth members enrolled in the PCC Plan.

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**Questions** If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact the MassHealth Provider Services Department at 617-628-4141 or 1-800-325-5231.

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