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Testing Algorithm to be Revised on December 17, 2018

Overview:
The CTS Medical Advisory Board recently agreed upon a revision to our standard testing algorithm. This change will go into effect 90 days from today on December 17, 2018. If clients choose to perform more testing than our standard algorithm offers, your Special Testing Service Fees will apply. A revised Confirmatory Testing Algorithm is available for review. We have also created a Flowchart that outlines the changes you can expect. In summary, the changes are:

HBc RR:
- Grifols dHBV on NAT Neg and PRISM HIV/HCV/HBsAg NR samples

HBsAg RR:
- No PRISM repeat on confirmed positive Neut./NAT Neg samples that are dHBV NR

HIV RR:
- PRISM repeat replaced by Geenius for IFA Pos/NAT Neg samples that are dHIV NR or NT
- Geenius testing on IFA NT samples

CHAG RR:
- Ortho T. cruzi on ESA positives

SYPH RR:
- No Quant RPR

WNV:
- Ab testing for discordant (NR) 2nd WNV results only

HIV/HCV/HBV NAT:
- No PRISM repeat testing for potential yields (Roche MPX only)

ZIKA:
- Retest on alternate tube and IgM sent to referral lab
- PRNT at a referral lab for all IgM reactives

HCV RR:
- No change

HTLV RR:
- No change
Impact to the Clients:
- The standard algorithm is changing on December 17, 2018.
- If clients choose to perform more testing than our standard algorithm offers, the Special Testing Service Fees will apply.

Questions and Additional Information:
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