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Memo

To: Submitters of Clinical Specimens to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

From: Scott M. Shone, PhD, HCLD(ABB) – Laboratory Director

Date: August 21, 2023

Re: Pediatric HCV Testing

Effective immediately, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) will begin sending clinical specimens from pediatric patients (2 to <18 years of age) that require Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) testing to LabCorp. LabCorp results will be attached to NCSLPH reports in the [NCSLPH Clinical and Environmental Lab Results \(CELR\) online portal](#) and included in paper results sent via the State courier. Testing for HCV on patients less than 2 years of age is not available through NCSLPH.

This change is temporary and part of a quality improvement initiative at NCSLPH. Submitters should continue submitting these specimens to NCSLPH with the [HIV/HCV Testing Report Form, DHHS 1111](#). This change should not impact in turn-around-times or affect other testing at NCSLPH.

Additional information about submission criteria and shipping can be found in the [NCSLPH SCOPE Guide to Laboratory Services](#).

For questions, please contact Rebecca S. Pelc, PhD, Virology/Serology Unit Manager at rebecca.pelc@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-807-8868

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