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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 State M. Shone
Date:	June 20, 2024
Re:	Pediatric Chlamydia/Gonorrhea NAAT Testing

Effective immediately, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) will begin sending clinical specimens received from patients ages 10 to 14 years old that require Chlamydia/Gonorrhea nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) to LabCorp. LabCorp results will be attached to NCSLPH reports in the <u>NCSLPH Clinical and Environmental Lab Results (CELR) online portal</u> and included in paper results sent via the State courier. Testing for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea on patients less than 10 years of age and medicolegal testing for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea are <u>not</u> available through NCSLPH.

Submitters should continue submitting these specimens to NCSLPH with the <u>Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Detection</u> <u>Form DHHS 4011</u>. This change should not impact turn-around times or affect other testing at NCSLPH.

Additional information about submission criteria and shipping can be found in the <u>NCSLPH SCOPE Guide to</u> <u>Laboratory Services</u>.

For questions, please contact Heather White, Bacterial STD Supervisor, at <u>heather.white@dhhs.nc.gov</u> or 919-807-8865, or Thomas Lawson, Microbiology Unit Manager, at <u>thomas.lawson@dhhs.nc.gov</u>, at 919-807-8803.