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## Provider eNews

A SummaCare Publication For Our Providers.

Dear Provider,

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure consistency and alignment with standard industry practices, we are implementing an update to our reimbursement process for certain specimen collection and related services.

**Effective July 1, 2026**, the following codes will be included in the reimbursement of other services when billed in conjunction with those services and will not be separately reimbursed:

**36415** -- Collection of venous blood by venipuncture

**36416** -- Collection of capillary blood specimens (Not covered by Medicare)

**H0048** -- Alcohol and/or other drug testing: collection and handling only, specimens other than blood

**P9603** -- Travel allowance one way in connection with medically necessary laboratory specimen collection drawn from home bound or nursing home bound patient; prorated miles travelled

**P9604** -- Travel allowance one way in connection with medically necessary laboratory specimen collection drawn from home bound or nursing home bound patient; prorated trip charge

**G0471** -- Collection of venous blood by venipuncture or urine sample by catheterization from an individual in a skilled nursing facility (SNF) or by a laboratory on behalf of a home health agency (HHA)

When billed alone, these services are not eligible for reimbursement. This update applies to all SummaCare product lines including Commercial and Medicare

Please continue to report these services in accordance with standard coding and billing guidelines. If you have any questions regarding this update, contact Provider Support Services at [330.996.8400](tel:330.996.8400) or email Provider Engagement at [providerengagement@summacare.com](mailto:providerengagement@summacare.com).

Sincerely,

Provider Support Services



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