

Information regarding OON reimbursement of non-SUD labs ordered by licensed SUD providers, changing on 9/30

As of July 1, 2026:

- **All lab tests with a SUD diagnosis – including physical health/non-SUD labs – switched from FFS to MCO coverage**
 - SUD labs are subject to transition period policies, but other laboratory testing ('physical health labs') became subject to MCO billing rules
- To support continuity of care, **from July 1st – Sept 30th, out-of-network physical health lab claims** for patients with SUD diagnoses were **temporarily required to be reimbursed by MCOs**
- MCOs were required to communicate this end date to providers – as the 1st of October approaches, we **want to ensure SUD providers are ready**

How SUD providers can prepare:

- **The requirement for OON lab reimbursement for physical health labs will end after September 30, 2026**
 - Standard MCO out-of-network policies will apply after this date
- **Providers will be required to establish an in-network lab relationship** for physical health/non-SUD specimen collection before 9/30
- **In-network labs should offer specimen pickup from ordering provider locations;** reach out to your MCO for support connecting with an in-network lab or with specimen pickup

DMAHS has shared more information directly with OTPs and has requested input/transition plans from OTPs on preparedness; if any additional questions remain, please reach out to DMAHS.SUDLabIntegration@dhs.nj.gov