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Genetic Testing Referrals

Dear Provider,

Kern Health Systems (KHS) would like to remind Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) Providers that an authorization is required for a genetic testing referral. OB/GYN providers must complete the following steps prior to submitting a referral for genetic testing:

- OB/GYN provider must perform pre and post testing counseling to members.
- OB/GYN provider must submit the notes for the pre-testing counseling along with the authorization.

Authorizations that do not meet the requirements listed above will not be approved, and any specimen received by a lab will be returned to the provider. KHS will not process a retroactive authorization for non-emergent labs.

As a reminder OB/GYN's should provide pre and post counseling to members that are referred for genetic testing.

<u>Provider Bulletins</u> are available on the <u>KHS website</u>. Please visit the site regularly to stay informed about the latest updates and announcements.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000.

Sincerely,

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