

## Memo

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To: North Dakota Clinical Laboratories  
From: Christie Massen Ph.D., M.S., MLS(ASCP) (clmassen@nd.gov)  
Director, Division of Microbiology  
Date: September 25, 2018  
Re: **Extension of Free West Nile Virus Antibody Testing**

The 2018 Directory of Services was sent out earlier this year. The Directory of Services is a resource meant to guide you from specimen collection through the processing and reporting of tests offered by our laboratory. Please note the following change to the 2018 Directory of Services.

We will be offering West Nile Virus (WNV) Antibody, IgM testing free of charge from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 until **October 31, 2018**.

Please note the following changes on page 23:

<p><b>West Nile Virus Antibody, IgM EIA</b> CPT CODE: 86788</p>	<p><b>Acceptable Specimen:</b> 2 ml late acute phase serum.</p> <p><b>Stability:</b> Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 2 days; Frozen: &gt;2 days</p> <p><b>Normal Value:</b> Negative</p> <p><b>Turn Around Time:</b> 3 days</p>	<p>\$60*</p> <p>*Free of charge June 1<sup>st</sup> through <b>October 31, 2018</b></p>
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It is our pleasure and commitment to provide quality service to the medical community. It is our goal to provide a level of service that is not only timely and accurate but provides excellent laboratory services essential for patient care and enhanced public health. We strive for service excellence coupled with technical expertise. If you should have any questions, please contact our facility for the recommended guidance. **We are here to serve you!**

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