



# MEMORANDUM

To: All Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) Clients

From: Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc.  
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**Subject: Serology Confirmation by IFA**

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Regional Medical Laboratory would like to make you aware of the following billing change for serology confirmatory testing. Due to potential false positives that may be generated by cross reacting IgM antibody activity, RML performs confirmatory testing by IFA on certain IgM viral serology results. The IFA method has higher specificity while the EIA/CIA serology has higher sensitivity. In tandem, these two tests provide highly reliable and clinically actionable results.

Previously, IFA IgM results were reported by RML in a footnote and the confirmatory testing was not billed. Effective immediately, the confirmatory IFA IgM results are now reported as discrete values and will be billed. The following assays and any panel containing these assays will be affected:

TEST NAME	TEST MNEUMONIC	TEST NUMBER	CPT CODE
.CMV IgM Confirmation IFA	.CMV IGM IFA	5567800	86645
.EB Virus IgM Confirmation IFA	.EBVirus IGM IFA	4004269	86665
.Toxoplasma IgM Confirmation IFA	.TOXO M IFA	5591800	86778
.Rubella IgM Confirmation IFA	.Rubella IgM IFA	5573650	86762

These above IgM IFA assays are **not orderable** by clients. These are reflex tests added on at the lab to confirm the IgM positive serology results.

For questions, concerns or additional information, please contact Dr. Gerald Miller at 918-744-2553 ext. 15543 or Patti Loykasek at 918-744-3117 ext 43117.