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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

To: Health Plus Participating Providers

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Subject: Universal Diagnostic Laboratories

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We have been advised that Universal Diagnostic Laboratories, a Health Plus participating diagnostic laboratory, has ceased operations. We do not yet know if this cessation of operations is temporary or permanent.

As an alternative to Universal Diagnostic Laboratories, you may use one of our other participating laboratories which include:

Bendiner & Schlesinger Inc.
Bio-Reference Laboratories
Interscience Diagnostic Laboratories
Quentin Medical Laboratories

Quest Diagnostic Laboratories
Sunrise Medical Laboratories
St. Christopher's Inc.

A full listing of participating laboratories and their draw stations is available in the Health Plus Provider Directory or at www.healthplus-ny.org.

In addition, we do not know if any outstanding laboratory studies will be reported to our providers. If you do not receive results, you may need to recall your patients for repeat laboratory studies.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Plus Provider Care Center at (800) 450-8753.

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