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Effective Date: November 2, 2026

Referrals (Sendout Testing) Update – Steroid Hormone Assay Changes (LabCorp)

Orderables: DHEA [LAB522]

ANDROSTENEDIONE [LAB518]

17-HYDROXY PROGESTERONE [LAB720]

ESTRADIOL, LC/MS [LAB1231841]

Effective November 2, 2026, LabCorp will transition select steroid hormone assays to an FDA-cleared LC-MS/MS platform. This change will result in updated reference intervals for all affected assays and a reporting unit change for DHEA, Serum (ng/dL to ng/mL). Providers should use the updated reference intervals when interpreting results obtained on or after the effective date.

Explanation:

LabCorp is replacing its current steroid hormone assays with assays performed on the FDA-cleared LC-MS/MS platform, which is intended to improve analytical performance and turnaround time while maintaining comparability with existing LC-MS/MS methods. Providers may observe differences in reported values and reference ranges compared with historical results. Additionally, DHEA, Serum will undergo a reporting unit change from ng/dL to ng/mL; use caution when trending results across the November 2, 2026 implementation date.

Epic Orderable	LabCorp Test	Change
DHEA [LAB522]	004389 - DHEA by Ionify LC-MS/MS	Reference interval update; units changing from ng/dL to ng/mL
ANDROSTENEDIONE [LAB518]	004774 - Androstenedione by Ionify LC-MS/MS	Reference interval update
17-HYDROXY PROGESTERONE [LAB720]	005134 - 17-OH Progesterone by Ionify LC-MS/MS	Reference interval update
ESTRADIOL, LC/MS [LAB1231841]	004575 - Estradiol by Ionify LC-MS/MS	Reference interval update

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