



## **Specimen Collection Notice**

### **Effective April 2, 2018**

- Effective April 2, 2018, Sparks Family Medicine will no longer provide in-office specimen collection for many laboratory tests.
- Patients will be provided a specimen collection order that may be taken to a local laboratory draw station.
- Sparks Family Medicine will continue to work with SLMS, LLC, a third-party phlebotomy management company, to provide patients the option to have specimen collection performed at the Sparks Family Medicine Office.
- As SLMS does not participate with insurance companies, patients will need to pay for the specimen collection fee at the time of service.

### **Disclaimer**

- Sparks Family Medicine utilizes proprietary labs that may not be covered by insurance.
- Each laboratory company manages their insurance contracts.
- Each insurance plan manages their laboratory contacts.
- Sparks Family Medicine is not a party to any contracts between insurance companies and laboratory companies.
- Sparks Family Medicine and/or SLMS may provide information to the patient from the specialty lab companies or insurance plans, but it is the patient is responsible to determine their obligation for the services received from the laboratory company based in their agreement with their insurance plan.
- Sparks Family Medicine is not a beneficiary to laboratory services, i.e. Sparks Family Medicine does not receive payments from the laboratory company.