

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2409.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to authority to receive*
3 *laboratory results directly.*

4 [S 1116]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-2409.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 54.1-2409.4. Authority to receive laboratory results directly.

9 A. Any health care practitioner licensed under this title who, within the scope of his practice, orders
10 a laboratory test or other examination of the physical condition of any person shall, if so requested by
11 the patient or his legal guardian, provide a copy of the report of the results to the patient or his legal
12 guardian, unless, in the professional opinion of the health care practitioner, there is a medical reason not
13 to do so.

14 B. The health care practitioner, at his sole discretion, may authorize the laboratory to provide a copy
15 of the report of the results directly to the patient or his legal guardian. The patient or his legal guardian
16 shall then be considered authorized to receive the report or result for the purposes of the federal Clinical
17 Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

18 C. *Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a laboratory may, contemporaneously with, or*
19 *subsequent to, when the report is furnished to the ordering health care practitioner, provide a copy of*
20 *the report of the results directly to the insurance carrier, health maintenance organization, or*
21 *self-insured plan that provides health insurance or similar coverage to the patient provided such*
22 *insurance carrier, health maintenance organization, or self-insured plan has received prior authorization*
23 *from the patient. The insurance carrier, health maintenance organization, or self-insured plan shall then*
24 *be considered authorized to receive the report or result for the purposes of the federal Clinical*
25 *Laboratory Improvement Amendments.*

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