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Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments

Claims that are submitted for laboratory services subject to the *Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA)* statute and regulations require additional information to be considered for payment.

To be considered for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services, a valid *CLIA* certificate identification number must be reported on a *1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS-1500)* or its electronic equivalent beginning September 15, 2019. The *CLIA* certificate identification number must be submitted in one of the following manners:

Claim format and elements	CLIA number location options	Referring provider name and NPI number location options	Servicing laboratory physical location
<i>CMS-1500 (formerly HCFA-1500)</i>	Must be represented in field 23	Submit the referring provider name and NPI number in fields 17 and 17b, respectively.	Submit the servicing provider name, full physical address and NPI number in fields 32 and 32A, respectively, if the address is not equal to the billing provider address. The servicing provider address must match the address associated with the <i>CLIA</i> ID entered in field 23.
<i>HIPAA 5010 837 Professional</i>	Must be represented in the 2300 loop, REF02 element, with qualifier of X4 in REF01	Submit the referring provider name and NPI number in the 2310A loop, NM1 segment.	Physical address of servicing provider must be represented in the 2310C loop if not equal to the billing provider address and must match the address associated with the <i>CLIA</i> ID submitted in the 2300 loop, REF02.

Providers who have obtained a *CLIA Waiver* or *Provider Performed Microscopy Procedure* accreditation must include the QW modifier when any *CLIA* waived laboratory service is reported on a *CMS-1500* claim form in order for the procedure to be evaluated to determine eligibility for benefit coverage.

Laboratory procedures are only covered and, therefore, payable if rendered by an appropriately licensed or certified laboratory having the appropriate level of *CLIA* accreditation for the particular test performed. Thus, any claim that does not contain the *CLIA* ID, has an invalid ID, has a lab accreditation level that does not support the billed service code and/or does not have complete servicing provider demographic information will be considered incomplete and rejected or denied.

If you have additional questions, contact Provider Services at **1-855-558-1443**.

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