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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)* beginning March 2, 2020. The *CLIA* certificate identification number must be submitted in the following manner:

Claim format and elements	CLIA number location options	Referring provider name and NPI number location options	Servicing laboratory physical location
<i>CMS-1500</i> (formerly <i>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.

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 1-844-405-4296.

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